

The Editor's Page

Staff Expanding

Readers who scan the masthead on this page will note that some new names have been added, evidence of a hearty response to our call for help sounded in this column last month.

The new editor took over the job with the intention of sharing the work with his associates, each of whom has been asked to carry out some definite project in compiling the magazine. The effort is beginning to bear fruit this month, and next month we shall have still further help from our associates. With many hands contributing, we look for more variety, and more material which will add to the interest of these pages.

Elmer Long, one of our associates of long standing, has taken on a definite assignment in helping gather material for THE SILENT WORKER. Moreover, beginning this month, he will conduct a column of his own. You will find "The LONG View" in this number. Mr. Long is an experienced writer. In fact, he is almost an old pro, and THE SILENT WORKER is fortunate in having him on the staff. He started writing for publication at Gallaudet, where he edited *The Buff and Blue* for two years. He has contributed to THE SILENT WORKER, and he had an article in the February number of a national magazine, *Life Today*. It was an accurate and truthful description of the deaf—the kind of publicity we always need.

Roy K. Holcomb, another writer who has contributed to THE SILENT WORKER from time to time, has become an associate editor, and next month some of his work will be seen in the magazine. Mr. Holcomb has been gathering material which will give us some new features, and he is working with the editor in gathering some of the regular material. A teacher and coach in the South Dakota School for the Deaf, Mr. Holcomb is making an enviable record among the members of the school profession.

One of the most important appointments to the editorial staff is that of Leo M. Jacobs, who fills the newly created post of feature editor. Mr. Jacobs will have charge of gathering material for "features," those articles which usually appear in the first few pages of the magazine. This is one of the most difficult jobs on the staff and to help him in this work Mr. Jacobs

is signing up a staff of assistants. Those he has corralled to date are listed as assistant feature editors in this month's masthead. Next month we hope to announce some additions. Mr. Jacobs is the brother of Harry M. Jacobs, our business manager. A hustling member of a hustling family, Mr. Jacobs and his staff will undoubtedly produce some topnotch reading matter as soon as their efforts begin to get results.

The Threat to Education

From time to time THE SILENT WORKER has pointed out certain movements which constituted a definite threat to successful education of the deaf, and, at the risk of repeating, we call your attention to the most recent effort on the part of faddists and theorists to interfere in this important field.

There is now a movement under way, apparently nation-wide, to have classes established in the public schools for the instruction of handicapped children. A bill is being introduced in the legislature now in session requiring establishment of such classes. It has already been adopted in some states and classes for handicapped children are being set up.

We have no objection to this proposed law, except that its sponsors have included deaf children among the classes of handicapped children who need special provisions. To include deaf children in these special classes will mean disaster to their educational development, for they cannot receive an adequate education except in the state school for the deaf.

Deaf children are entirely different from other so-called handicapped children insofar as their ability to acquire an education is concerned. Where nominal remedial help suffices for all other handicapped children, it requires a very complete and technical type of instruction to fit a deaf child for life. He is in a group by himself, requiring greater consideration, greater provision, and greater technical approach than is needed by any other physically handicapped person.

State associations of the deaf should lose no time in combating this dangerous movement. Officers of the associations are advised to investigate any proposed legislation which may affect the deaf. In some states the legislation for the handicapped classes has already slipped through right under the noses of the state associations. If such

legislation is proposed in your state, start an effort to have the deaf removed from the classes of handicapped children listed in the bill. If the law has already gone through your legislature, endeavor to have an amendment adopted which will exclude or exempt the deaf.

We do not advise action against the bill itself. It is a good bill, and should result in great improvement in the services to handicapped children, but NOT FOR THE DEAF.

State association officials should ask the National Association of the Deaf for assistance in combating this proposed legislation. The NAD is preparing a strong fight in the interest of the deaf child. It is ready to help wherever needed.

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Samuel Shah

..... AMERICAN BY CHOICE

By GERTRUDE M. HINK

SAMUEL SHAH, OR "SAMMY", as he is known to hundreds in the U. S., lost his hearing during infancy after contracting typhoid fever. Under the chaperonage of Mrs. A. T. Mills, his first teacher at a school for the deaf in



GERTRUDE M. HINK

China, he came to this country at the age of nine. Mrs. Mills interested the U. S. Consul-General, who in turn secured the aid of the viceroy of Chile in paying his tuition. His expenses later were paid out of the Boxer Indemnity Fund, which was later returned to China for educational purposes.

Sammy was educated at the Rochester, N. Y., School for the Deaf and Mechanic's Institute, which is now Rochester Institute of Technology. Miss Irene Westfall, the only one of his former teachers still on the school faculty, recalls him as a "persevering" little boy. This trait in later years has stood him in good stead and is still notable in his make-up.

During the period of adolescence he came to love America and after graduating was loath to return to his native land. This he was compelled to do, however, because of the old law relat-

ing to Chinese students in America. He was a man under authority. He gradually became reconciled to the change and, being young and very ambitious, he held high hopes of becoming a missionary to the deaf in China. Accordingly, he returned to China and tried to put over a lot of American ideas, to overcome the traditional conception of the public toward the deaf.

Sammy's plan was nipped in the bud, as it is well known that China, with some of its ancient theories, has never believed that deaf children could be educated or trained to earn their own living. Certainly, one man with no help and absolutely no financial backing could never hope to succeed where others had failed to change centuries of Chinese prejudices.

Conditions in China were in a state of chaos—rumors, petty politics, and civil wars—which caused him to flee from place to place. They gradually wore down his resistance. His plans for building up the schools had to be abandoned in favor of concentrating on the safety of his family and a desperate effort to get out of the country.

The family was placed in the care of an American mission and Mr. Shah began a hole-and-corner existence, never staying in one place long, and always one jump ahead of his pursuers. His failure to be of help to the deaf was,



SAMUEL SHAH

and still is, one of the bitterest disappointments of his life. The Chinese deaf are objects of compassion, having none of the advantages of those in America. To Mr. Shah's knowledge, there are no longer any schools for the deaf in China.

Prior to the Red occupation, Samuel Shah had been a customs house accountant, a position he held for 22 years. He was forced to relinquish this position when he lacked but three years of reaching retirement age and the prospect of a comfortable pension.

This looked like the beginning of the end, so far as peace and security were concerned. From then on it came to be a case of every man for himself. It is doubtful if the average person could survive the harrowing experiences which befell the unfortunate Shah. His family—wife, two sons, and a daughter—was safe for the time being, but worry, privation, and discouragement were rapidly bringing him to the point where he feared for his reason, and at one stage in his adventures he came close to being annihilated when retreating Chinese soldiers mistook him for a Japanese spy and tore up his identification card.

He was bound and led through the streets, but, fortunately for him, the route led past the customs house. His natural resourcefulness came to his rescue. He gave a blood-curdling yell which brought his friends and co-workers on the run and they quickly con-



At left, Sammy Shah and some of his boys during a recreation hour at the Rome school.



Above: Samuel Shah and his bride at the time of their marriage.



Shah and his family as they looked in China in 1938.

vinced his captors of their mistake, but the excitement brought on a heart ailment which made him ill for a year.

Shah now redoubled his efforts to escape the country and in one month he had tried to leave on six different ships. Ironically, the first to refuse him passage, the *S.S. General Gordon*, was the ship on which he finally embarked for San Francisco. Although he had all the necessary documents in order, leaving China was no easy task.

The voyage was made possible by Dr. Tom L. Anderson of the California State Department of Rehabilitation. Shah and Dr. Anderson had developed

a friendship when Sammy had been in this country three decades earlier. Through Dr. Anderson's efforts, Shah obtained a visa and got to San Francisco two years ago. Later he was engaged by Superintendent Fred L. Sparks, Jr., of the Rome, N. Y., School for the Deaf, as a boys' counselor. He is still at Rome, and by his acts and words constantly indicates his appreciation of the help he has received from Dr. Anderson and Supt. Sparks.

When Samuel Shah left the United States in 1923 he was a high-hearted youth, filled with the desire to give his own people some of the advantages

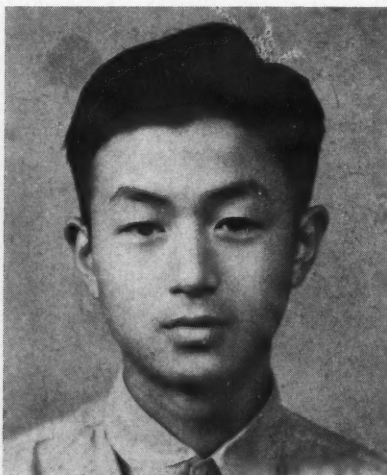
which had come to him. If conditions change for the better, there is still hope of helping those less fortunate in China. It would be foolish to say that Shah is today a happy man. Middle aged and with graying hair, he has seen more than his share of the battle for survival. But he still retains his sense of humor and faith that right will triumph.

He is giving lectures in different parts of the country and in Canada, in hopes of obtaining sufficient funds to enable him to bring his family from China. The reception given at these lectures is encouraging, and Mr. Shah is grateful to all who have tried to help.

The Shahs' daughter Helen, age 20



Clayton Shah, age 17



Thomas at the age of 13



The Deaf of Denmark

By PAUL LANGE

THE FOLLOWING DATA taken from *Effata*, the organ of the Danish Society for Deaf, will be of interest to American readers:

Denmark, with a population of four million, has an estimated number of 2,500 deaf, 800 of whom live in the capital, Copenhagen.

There are 32 deaf societies. These combined in 1935 to organize the Danish Society for the Deaf. Every other year, the society calls delegates from the amalgamated clubs to a meeting of the society and arranges congresses together with the deaf organizations of other countries. The members of the committee, all deaf, are: Chairman, Aage Thomsen; Vice Chairman, Hilmer Peterson; Secretary, Ole Munk Plum; Treasurer, Harry Anderson; Chr. Christensen; Th. Hansen; Jes Hock.

The society has its head office in the club building, Brohusgade 17, Copenhagen.

The committee which deals with employment has a regular bureau and information office for deaf in the three towns of Copenhagen, Nyborg, and Frederica. These offices receive state help for their upkeep.

The workshop for the deaf includes tailors, furriers, and machine carpenters and aims at supporting the unemployed and partially incapable deaf. It also receives help from the state.

The educational committee arranges each year a high school course of one week, at one or another of Denmark's high schools.

The deaf council has the task of taking care of law cases, such as those relating to money matters, divorces, insurance, etc. The council, which consists of deaf delegates scattered all over the country, has its own lawyer. It is a member of the state organizations providing for the care of invalids.

The Deaf Society of 1866, founded in that year with a membership of eleven, is the oldest and largest society

of the deaf, and now has a membership of 1,049 members. It erected its own building in 1898 in Brohusgade 17, Copenhagen. The building contains besides club rooms and offices, a number of free lodgings for older members of the society.

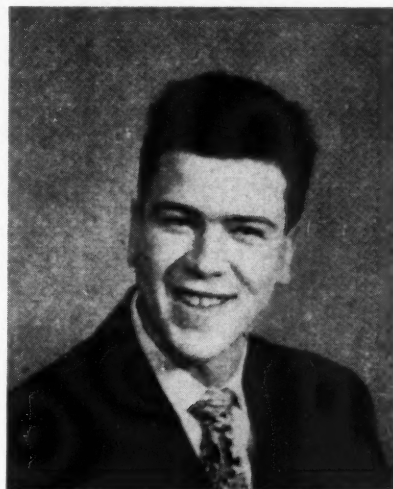
The society has, through the years, received many gifts, from which the following funds have been started: free lodging and building fund, elderly deaf fund, legacy fund, sick aid fund, and holiday home fund.

The society's capital fund now is over half a million kroner. At the office are two clerks, the head cashier and the manager. They serve full time.

The society has eleven branches in Denmark, managed by circle chairmen. It publishes its own paper, which is sent free of charge to members.

All the large provincial towns have their own deaf societies (21 in all) with a membership of 30 to 100 in each, depending upon the number of deaf in each town and its environs. Aarhus deaf society "Hephata" and that of Odense have their own buildings, with meeting rooms and apartments for the deaf. The Frederica Society has also begun to erect its own building, and the society in Herning will probably soon have its own home.

The education of the deaf of Denmark began with the establishment of the Royal Institution for the Deaf in Copenhagen in 1807. In 1817 education of the deaf was made compulsory in the kingdom. Denmark was thus the



CARL CRONEBERG

first country to introduce compulsory education for the deaf. In 1839 the Copenhagen institution was installed in its own building, which is still its home.

In 1850 a private school was founded in Copenhagen, where the oral method was introduced from Germany. Until then, the deaf of Denmark were taught by signs and the manual alphabet.

There are now three large state-owned schools and two private schools. The young deaf who show aptitude for a trade receive help from the state for board and lodging during apprenticeship, and three employment bureaus assist in placing them.



Pictured at right is Olav Hassel, famous deaf astronomer of Oslo, Norway. Hassel on April 14, 1939, discovered the comet which bears his name. Announcement of the discovery was made by the Oslo observatory, confirmed by astronomers of other European countries, and the name Hassel bestowed upon the comet. Hassel is shown at the left, and at the right is Swen Brathen, instrument maker, who also is deaf. The picture was taken in the astrophysical laboratory at Oslo.

Swedish Student at Gallaudet

The July number of *Dovas Tidskrift*, an illustrated Swedish magazine for the deaf, contains an interesting article about Carl Croneberg, one of the four foreign deaf students at Gallaudet College this year.

Carl Croneberg has kindly furnished us with a short autobiographical sketch which we are publishing with pictures from the *Tidskrift*.

Carl Croneberg was born on April 26, 1930, in Norrbarke, a village in the central part of Sweden. He was an only child. His father is paymaster of a cavalry regiment in the Swedish army. His mother passed away when Carl was six months old and his father married again. Carl then went to live with his grandmother, who kept him until he was sixteen, when he went to live with an uncle.

Carl attended a primary school for the hearing, from which he graduated at the age of twelve. Six months before his graduation, he became deaf from an inflammation in the ears which destroyed his auditory nerves. He then attended the Orebro school for the deaf to learn lip reading, and entered the Vanersberg vocational school for the deaf in the fall of 1945, graduating last July.

While attending the Vanersberg school, Carl took a correspondence course and shortly after finishing the vocational school he was given a diploma from a high school for the hearing in the same town. He was also awarded a bronze medal by the Swedish Trade Association for his excellent work on a porcelain cabinet.

The headmaster of the vocational school urged Carl to enter Gallaudet College. Further encouragement by Dr. Elstad, whom he had met during the latter's visit to Sweden last summer prompted him to join the preparatory class at the college this fall.

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THE SILENT LYRE

How beautiful! the forces of nature—at rest. How awe-inspiring! the forces of nature—at work. How shocking! the forces of nature—at play.

And still man calls himself the artist (the plagiarist.) He delights in mere copy work, whereas Nature produces the original. And still man deems himself a maker (the parasite.) He builds and rebuilds what Nature eventually tears down. And still man prides himself with a mind (the pedant.) He searches and questions when he cannot understand his own existence, let alone Nature.

Heralding this month's collection of "poetry of nature" are some fine pieces, which dedicate their space to that of the great unknown.

"The Snow Man," a remarkable modern-metered description of a local situation and predicament, which occurred last November in Akron, Ohio, is the creation of Mr. James George, a promising newcomer in the ranks of the nation's deaf poets.

It is our good fortune to have Mr. George with us. His debut here serves two well anticipated ends. The first that Mr. George's efforts should nourish similar inspiration in others, and second, he does our column great honor in letting us be the first to publish his "Snow Man," the focal point of our present theme.

Thank you, Mr. George.

The Snow Man

*A-flurry, and then a-flow
Tall Man Snow
Came that November day
And the stars
Crept in and then away, and whiteness
still*

Upon the rush-a-rush town fell.

*Dawned the work-a-day:
Tall Man Snow was there,
Sprawled east and west,
North and south,
Frost-pipe in mouth and grinning.*

*The mob; the
Downtown chant,
Factory chimes,
Capital and Labor,
All were hush-a-hush:
Neither paper nor extra was out
For two pictorial
Yet deplorable
Days*

*What play, tall man, you've been about:
You've left us hands-tied!*

JAMES GEORGE

On Coming Upon a Fragment of a Meteorite

*From what far realm, O Stranger have you come?
What tempted you to leave your high abode,
And headlong plunge into this lonely road,
With silenced voice whose tales would strike us dumb?
You who have journeyed where the hot stars hum,
The essence of creation, heavenly lode,
Once fire and life and beauty, to explode,
And leave us asking ever, O, where from?
You who helped make the beauty of the night,
While wise men turned their searching eyes on you,
Like lovers when their fair ones come in sight,
Seeking to understand, and never do,
Now rest with us, who were so far and bright,
And, cold in death, our search for truth renew!*

HOWARD L. TERRY

Ode To the Night

*Conqueror of the fallen Day;
Strangler of color, light, and ray;
Mute host of evil, gloom, and crime;
Insensitive to all but Time;
Withdraw your cloak from his bright face,
That we may all his beauties trace!
O darkling child of naught that's white;
Black prince, depriver of man's sight;
False nymph that preys upon the Mind;
Woer of Reason 'till she's blind;
Ah, brief's the hour of worldly reign,
For see! he comes to life again!*

*Nocturnal lord of human Fate;
Silent witness of love and hate;
Now vanquished by the vanquished foe;
Victim of a diurnal blow;
Kneel, proud monarch, and homage pay,
To dawn! to life! and another Day!*

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Poetry of Nature

*not a poet
nor an orator
could write nor let
poetry of nature
known*

*not a singer
nor a composer
could sing nor create
poetry of nature
heard*

*but a God
and only one
could make and put
poetry of nature
seen*

BERNARD N. BRAGG



Sixty deaf anglers aboard the "Petrel" at the start of their fishing trip from Long Beach Navy Landing

Deaf Fishermen and Fisherwomen . . .

Sea-Going Fisherman

By GERALDINE FAIL and MARY SLADEK

ARE ALL FISHERMEN LIARS or do only liars go fishing? This is a question we have asked ourselves time and again and we still don't know the answer.

There are a great many "tall-tales" going the rounds right now in Los Angeles, Long Beach, and vicinity. All stem from the fishing trip 60 deaf anglers took aboard the deep-sea fishing boat *Petrel*, which put out from the Long Beach Navy Landing Sunday, August 27. It turned out to be something special for local deaf "Isaak Watons" and quite a few land-lubbers who went along just for the ride.

The project was the brain-child of Julian Gardner, a fisherman of no mean ability and an almost weekly passenger aboard the *Petrel*. After consulting with "Fisherman John" Fail, who incidentally played host to the 60 anglers, Julian secured tickets for the trip and began his campaign. Ticket sales were slow at first but as August 27 drew near poor Julian was almost stampeded and Sunday found quite a few disappointed would-be anglers left behind when the *Petrel* sailed at noon.

John's wife, Jerry, with a nose for news and an eye for publicity, phoned the local newspaper and a photographer showed up in time to snap pictures of the *Petrel's* unique passengers crowding the decks, the wheel-house, and perch-

This article is another of Jerry Fail's "fish stories." It came from Earl Rogerson as one of his series on "Deaf Sportsmen," and it caused him to change the heading for his department. The people pictured herewith, and mentioned in this story, are not all sportsmen, so hereafter Rogerson's series will be called "Deaf Sportsmen and Sportswomen." THE SILENT WORKER welcomes the tales of adventure from the deaf who enjoy the great out of doors. If you have been fishing, hunting, or merely camping, and if you encountered anything interesting, send it in, with photographs, to Rogerson, in care of THE SILENT WORKER.

ing atop the galley. One wag tried to climb the aerial of the ship-to-shore radio and received only badly greased hands for his effort. A nice write-up appeared in the local paper that day.

Casting off on schedule, the *Petrel* got under way with the merriest cargo that ever crowded her sturdy decks. John became almost frantic in his efforts to keep them from falling overboard and Jay Grider's antics atop the bait-tank, where he kept tossing bait to the sea gulls, added a few more creases to John's already furrowed brow. Experienced anglers were kept busy instructing the first-timers as to the proper method of baiting their hooks. Many of them insisted that the bait alone was bigger than any fish

they ever caught in streams back home.

An hour outside the breakwater, John announced that he had dropped anchor and for all and sundry to take up their positions around the rail. Iva Smallidge looked a bit startled at this announcement and told everyone she knew John would lose the anchor. It had been hanging over the side all the way from the dock. Husband Jack, an ex-Navy man, took her to task and explained a few nautical terms before discovering that Iva, as good an angler as anybody, was just kidding the novices.

Up on the bridge deck perched Dell Carey, where he could see and be seen. He was later joined by Art Kruger and Jerry, the latter intent on the production of her latest movie "Fishing Daze" and Art merely to enjoy the view. News must have traveled fast among the fishing fleet because numerous other skipers brought their boats up alongside the *Petrel*, their passengers seemingly more interested in the boatload of gesturing humanity than in catching their limits of sea food. John, only deaf fisherman employed on West Coast fishing boats down the years, greatly enjoyed the attention his friends were getting and from his vantage point atop the bait tank, kept waving greetings at acquaintances among the fleet, anxious that they should know just

what was going on aboard his boat that day.

Jerry's camera began to grind when Julian Gardner brought the first fish to gaff, a long barracuda which, though immense, netted Julian the booby prize for the smallest fish hauled aboard that day. Her camera continued to grind through the hooking of many other species caught by Evelyn Modisett, Clarence Brush, Dalrene Becher, and numerous others. Those unfortunate enough to catch mere mackerel were Bob Skinner, Ruth Young, Ed McNulty, Lydia Quinley, Julia Martin, and Lucile Gardner. Most disappointed anglers were Charles Ashley and Julia Smith, who battled long and earnestly only to be rewarded with baby sharks at the end of their hooks. But the prize of the day went to Clarence Brush, who landed three giant-sized barriers and took home the jack-pot of \$46. Clarence may be an amateur on the deep sea, but he is no amateur sportsman, by any means, and his friends won't be surprised to hear that he hooked the biggest fish. Back in the wilds of South Dakota, whence he came, he was a crack shot with a pheasant gun.

Eva Kruger confessed complete ignorance in the fine art of fishing and John gallantly hooked her a good sized barracuda to take home and cook for Art. Thanking John profusely, Eva promptly turned on unsuspecting Jerry, begging her to come cook the fish at the Kruger residence. Jerry declined with unnecessary vehemence. She has a violent aversion to inhabitants of the briny deep. (This should be natural, considering her husband's occupation).

The Otto Becher family was aboard in full force with 17-year-old Dalrene topping them all as a fisherman. Quite a few of the older generation were in evidence, among them James Yost, W. Worthington, and G. Martin.



Above, deck hand Joe Carruthers holds Dalrene Becher's catch and Jay Grider grins in admiration.

Mary Sladek had fun steering the boat most of the trip, though forced to ignore remarks relative to women drivers and advice to most of the passengers to stay within easy access to the life preservers. But Mary, the daughter and sister of the Sladek father and son commercial fishing team, did right well, setting a true course west by south and tossing her head disdainfully at the wags.

Chief Kibitzer was Jay Grider, who had the time of his life going from angler to angler razzing them upon their apparent lack of fishing acumen. Lillian Skinner spent a great deal of time gazing pensively into the depths, which prompted Jerry to inquire after her health. A look up at the galley-deck found Lela Williams, Lenore Bible, Mae Strandberg and Cora Park appearing utterly exhausted and ready to give up trying to catch anything. Joe M. Park, consistently seasick on each previous trip, stood up to this one like an old salt, which leads us to believe he has at last acquired his sea-legs.

Among the merriest of the passengers seemed to be out-of-state visitors Jessie Dobson, New Mexico, and Thelma Long, Denver, Colo. Others who made the trip were Charles Hart, Fred Klein, Ellen Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pois, Sarah Younkin, Vella Ashley, Helen and Ernest Holmes, Roger Skinner, Ruth Sullivan, Frank Sladek, Glen Orton, Orin Smith, Sally Korach, and Messrs. Modisett, Talent, Yates, Blake, and Rosenthal. There were others but we fear they were overlooked in the melee.

Left, Julian Gardner and barracuda, which, though large, was smallest catch of the day. Right, Clarence Brush and his jack-pot winning barracuda.

Those fortunate enough to take home species of huge barriers were Roger Skinner, Frank Sladek, Violet Becher and Mr. Modisett. Fisherman John caught as many as he could, giving them to the less fortunate anglers.

Perhaps the most disappointed were John Young and Lucile Gardner. Lucile, a really good lady angler who consistently wins jack-pots on other trips, had to be content with a measly mackerel, much to her disgust. John Young touched off a near fight by complaining that he would have had better luck if all the femmes had stayed at home where they belonged. John, like most fishermen, considers the ladies so much excess baggage on a fishing jaunt.

The *Petrel* docked at sunset and unloaded its sunburned but happy passengers. Most of them are planning another such trip before the season ends. One humorous incident concerns Iva Smallidge, who carted home a mackerel for her pet dog and cat. She cooked the fish the following day and left it on the sink to cool. Meanwhile Jack came home from work, saw the dish of cooked fish, promptly fetched a knife and fork and proceeded to satisfy his ravenous hunger. He caught on, however, after the first two or three mouthfuls and Iva is having the time of her life telling her friends about "the fish that Jack ate."

The outing with 60 deaf fishermen was one of the most enjoyable fishing trips I ever was a party to and I've been fishing on almost every boat on the west coast the past decade. As I am a movie-making addict, most of the data for the foregoing was compiled for me by Mary Sladek, to whom I am most grateful. Said she: "Jerry, I've got to pack and catch that train for Santa Fe. I'm busy so if I do the leg-work will you do the brain-work?" I have herein endeavored to comply. —JERRY FAIL



The Educational Front and Parents' Department

Recommendations by Canadian Royal Commission on Education Vigorously Opposed by Canadian Deaf

Commission Accused of Ignoring Evidence

The Canadian Royal Commission on Education, after making a study of the educational needs of exceptional children, has rendered a report including recommendations to provide for these children, who, according to the report, number some 17,000.

Insofar as it concerns the deaf, the report begins with some opinions expressed by the members of the Commission. It expresses the view that the deaf child acquires better emotional stability if he maintains normal home and social relations, and for that reason it recommends that the Department of Education encourage operation of day classes for both the deaf and the hard of hearing. The report also recommends certain improvements in the plant of the Ontario School for the Deaf, admitting that "there is an additional need . . . that can only be met by the continued operation of a provincial residential school or schools."

The Commission acknowledged receipt of submissions from many persons interested in the education of the deaf, and stated that it had been especially fortunate in securing expert evidence from Dr. Elwood A. Stevenson, Superintendent of the California School for the Deaf, and from Dr. A. W. Ewing and his wife, Director and Assistant Director, respectively, of the Department of Education of the Deaf in the University of Manchester, England.

The report acknowledged that the sign language "appears to be the normal method of communication among deaf people," yet it recommended the pure oral method of instruction, on the highly disputable theory that it would enable the deaf to communicate and associate both with the hearing and the deaf in "the normal social order." It credits oral instruction with qualities of developing facility with language. To the credit of the Commission, however, and somewhat contradictory to its other recommendations, it does state that "signing and finger spelling should be used as methods of instruction only when all efforts through oral methods have failed," and that deaf children be permitted to converse with one another by manual methods outside the classroom.

The Commission advised against employment of suitably qualified deaf teachers, stating that this would be a

serious mistake, since the employment of deaf persons, according to the report, would "nullify the effort to develop language by the oral method."

The Royal Commission's recommendations on the education of deaf children drew a blistering denunciation from David Peikoff, secretary of the Canadian Association of the Deaf. He charged that the findings "flew in the teeth of the evidence and are regarded by virtually all the adult deaf in the Dominion as tragic."

"The Canadian deaf child is becoming increasingly retarded in education," Peikoff said. "These proposals would turn back the clock a century and are utterly repugnant to deaf men and women who know better than anyone else what they need in the way of education for effective citizenship."

Peikoff charged the Commission made "four errors of the greatest magnitude":

1. Recommending education by predominantly oral means.
2. Urging mushroom expansion of day schools in which pupils would gather in small classes and live at their homes.
3. Over estimating and over-emphasizing the value of pre-school training of very small children.
4. Refusing to approve the hiring of deaf teachers for deaf children.

"The Commission stated it was 'very fortunate' in having the 'expert evidence' from Dr. Elwood A. Stevenson, Superintendent of the California School for the Deaf, but it ignored each and every recommendation made by this distinguished educator," Peikoff continued.

"Instead, the Commission followed the recommendations of Dr. A. W. Ewing, and his wife . . . who are regarded by the adult deaf throughout the world as their enemies . . ."

"The oralist extremists close their eyes to the fact that huge numbers of deaf children cannot master speech with oral instruction and nothing else," Peikoff said. "On the other hand, they ignore the proven fact that under the combined system, deaf students can master subjects requiring the utmost precision, such as calculus."

"The rigid oralist approach is narrow and aimed at the production of speech above all else. The combined

system enables a deaf person to become a well-integrated, happy individual. Under it, the end, not the means, as important . . ."

"We have no quarrel whatever with the teaching of speech or lip reading, as our enemies say," Peikoff went on. "On the contrary, we demand it. But experience and observation teach us that they are at best generally deficient when acquired. We want manual classes to enable us to communicate fluently. The Commission errs when it says experience shows nearly all deaf children can master language and speech through the oral method alone. The facts are exactly the contrary."

Peikoff was bitter about the Commission's recommendation against hiring deaf teachers.

"Deaf teachers have proven over and over again their importance in this complex field of education. Deaf students need sympathy and understanding and the deaf teacher provides both. He has been through the mill and surmounted the obstacles of language and speech. Hence he is better able than anyone else to help others do the same thing."

"But what does the Commission, taking the word of hearing theorists, urge? Doing away with them on the grounds that they will retard language development! The fact is that their ability to impart mastery of language is their greatest asset! The Commission has its facts exactly backward."

In a final blast at the Commission, Peikoff quoted the recommendation contained in the report that "particular attention should be paid to the education of hard of hearing pupils and to those with even a little residual hearing."

"What is a hard of hearing pupil save one who has a little residual hearing?" he asked. "The Commission hasn't even got its nomenclature straight."

Construction Started on New Ohio School

Despite blizzards and zero temperatures, work on the New State School for the Deaf has been moving along steadily. The day after contracts were awarded the contractors and the architects were on the job staking out places for the buildings.

Everyone who has seen the plans is very delighted with the work that has been done by the architects. The firm of Tibbals-Crumley-Musson of Columbus is doing the architectural and engineering work. Next month THE SILENT WORKER will have a feature story on the progress of the new school.

Churches

IN THE DEAF WORLD

WESLEY LAURITSEN, Editor

Rev. Silas Hirte Ordained Episcopal Priest

On Sunday afternoon, December the third, at three o'clock, in a simple but impressive ceremony at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. Silas Hirte was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop William Scarlett, head of the Episcopal Church in Missouri, in the presence of about three hundred people, of all walks of life. The sacred service lasting about forty-five minutes, had an added feature of interest by the skillful interpretation of Arthur Steideman, eldest son of the late Rev. Steideman, whose place Rev. Hirte is filling. The young Mr. Steideman, himself, is attending a theology seminary in training for the ministry.

Among those to receive holy communion with Rev. Hirte, were his wife, parents, uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, all from Milwaukee, Wis., immediate members of the Steideman family and other veteran members of the congregation.

Rev. Hirte, deaf since birth, attended Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C. It was church conferences on the



WESLEY LAURITSEN

The new St. Joseph's Center for the Deaf and the hard of hearing at Oakland, Calif. This building was the former home of Gov. Earl Warren.

deaf that interested him while attending college, and he decided to study for the priesthood. Instead of attending a seminary, he was tutored by Rev. A. G. Leisman of Milwaukee, and on May 7th, 1950, the order of Deacon was conferred upon Rev. Hirte. Instead of fulfilling the two years required of a deacon, he was appointed to the position here. Doubtlessly he will achieve success in the new field, for which he has so much ambition. There are about a hundred and fifty members of the congregation.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Rev. Hirte and members of his family were honored at a reception at the Holy Apostle Parish Hall to which members of the congregation and associates were invited. The elaborately adorned table of lacecloth plus the silverware and vase of mums, was one of service to which all lined to receive coffee, cookies and mints.

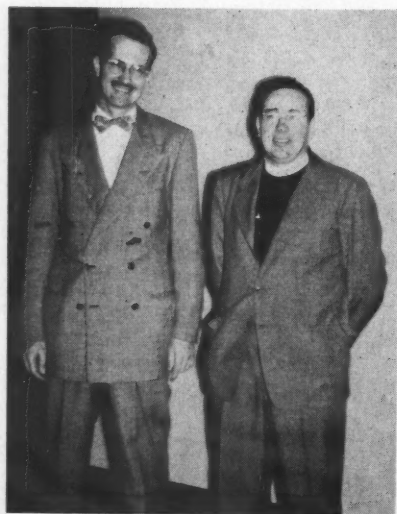
Rev. Hirte received as a gift from the congregation, a beautiful, red, leather-covered Bible.

Straight From the Shoulder

The Rev. William Lange, writing in his *New York Missionary*, recently made a few pointed remarks that we all know are true. Said Mr. Lange: "It is a strange fact that if a minister to the deaf talks or writes about money, telling the people they should give more to God, many of them get mad and feel insulted. The deaf are proud that they support themselves. They do—and they also support their clubs and their pleasures. But they do not support their churches. The hearing people do that. Don't the deaf care?"

"So if you wish to show the hearing people you are self-supporting, if you want to show God you are thankful for the great gift of salvation He gave us through His Son, Jesus Christ and if you want His church to continue and improve, then support it!"

Shown at left are the Rev. Silas Hirte, (right) and Arthur Steideman, son of the late Rev. A. O. Steideman, Hirte's predecessor.



New Catholic Center

St. Joseph's Center for the Deaf, the only Catholic foundation west of the Mississippi river, was opened in Oakland, California on November 26. The Center is at 88 Vernon Street, in a building which was the former home of California's Governor Earl Warren.

Director of the Center is the Reverend William F. Reilly, who is in charge of the work among the deaf in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. He is assisted by Father Michael D. O'Brien.

At present no deaf children are at the Center, but in time it is hoped to develop an educational program for them. It will be a training center, also for audiometric testing, lip reading, and speech work. According to *The Monitor*, official newspaper of the Archdiocese, recreational and social programs will be scheduled, and library facilities made available.

The new Center will provide for resumption of the work of the old St. Joseph's School for the Deaf, which was first opened in Oakland in 1894, under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Miss Margaret McCourtney was the original benefactress of St. Joseph's when she presented her old family home to the Sisters for a school for deaf children.

The new headquarters will provide facilities for breakfasts for more than 100 persons, and it will have a ballroom large enough to accommodate more than 200. Father Reilly and Father O'Brien now reside at the Center.

On Tithing

While at Gallaudet College some thirty years ago the Reverend Mr. Dantzer, of Pennsylvania, one time gave a three-hour talk to the students. The only thing we remember of that long talk after these many years is his story of a man who boasted that he had gone to church every Sunday for thirty-five years—and it had not cost him one cent.

The average protestant church member now contributes \$23.71 to his church. Do you give more or less? Are you a tither?

Sermon of the Month . . . "Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

By REV. JAMES R. FORTUNE

St. Luke 11: 9, 10

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

These two verses of St. Luke's Gospel are taken from a part of the instruction and teaching Jesus gave to His Disciples in response to a request, "Lord, teach us to pray." Taken apart from the rest of the teaching, we may be led to think all we need to do when in need is to ask, and what ever our request, we shall immediately receive our wish. It just does not happen in that manner, as we well know with the result being that we begin to wonder why.

With this question in mind, let us go to the full teaching given by Jesus in connection with these two verses. Surely the disciples had prayed many times; we are certain they had experience in praying, and yet, they said, "Lord, teach us to pray." This group of chosen men in their close association and observation of our Lord, no doubt saw and realized that Jesus in His "praying without ceasing" to God, received the help necessary to submit Himself to God's Will at all times. The disciples too had prayed, but without receiving the same response or answer to their prayers. Jesus was receiving something they had not experienced, so they felt they needed to learn how to pray properly before their prayers would be more effective. It was one thing to pray; it was another thing to feel their need and defectiveness in this so much that they asked directly for help, not only to pray better, but, as it now seemed to them to pray at all. They realized, as we likewise need to realize; we must learn to pray, just as we learn anything else, through doing correctly many times what we are attempting to learn. There are people born with an aptitude for athletics, but they become experts through constant practice, and training under the supervision of experts in their field. We may be born with an aptitude for praying, but we become proficient only through learning how, then practicing earnestly every day. This may be the answer to the oft heard statement, "I, for some reason or other, can't pray."

The Reverend James R. Fortune is Episcopal missionary to the deaf in the diocese of North Carolina. He is the son of the late Reverend Roma C. Fortune, for a long time rector of the Ephphatha Church, Durham, N. C.

After Jesus gave an example of prayer to the disciples, which is known as "The Lord's Prayer," He went further in His teaching by telling a story to explain and illustrate what He meant. Jesus told of the possibility of a neighbor going to the home of a friend at midnight to ask the loan of three loaves of bread so an unexpected guest might be fed. The friend, being disturbed at midnight, objected to arising from his bed and disturbing the household to get the loaves for the neighbor; so at first the loan was refused. The neighbor, being in real need of the loaves, continued to ask until through his perseverance the friend loaned him the three loaves.

I think Jesus was trying to teach in this way what we are learning in many other ways—that the best things in the Spiritual life, as in the natural life, will not come to us merely for the asking; that true prayer is the whole strength of the man going out after his needs, and the real secret of getting what you want in heaven, as on earth, lies in the fact that you give your whole heart for it, or you cannot truly value it when you get it. We all will admit to the truth of the old saying, "Easy come, easy go" and Jesus was showing that God treasures what He gives us, so He demands that we likewise treasure what we receive. We only treasure those things which require real effort on our part. We have to wait on God to answer our prayers, but it is worth our while to wait. We must be persistent and patient in our praying, which requires of us persistence in faith; faith strong enough for us to know that God will answer our prayers, perhaps not in the manner we would like, but nevertheless, He will answer them as He thinks best for us.

A seven year old son wanted, more than anything else in the world, a 22 calibre rifle. His father usually gave him pretty much what he had asked for in the past so he asked his father for it, fully expecting

to receive the gun. The father knew his son was not mature enough to intelligently handle a rifle so he tried to explain to his son why his request could not be granted. The son continued to ask, plead, and beg for the rifle, but the father still refused. The young boy still not being able to understand the wisdom of his father began to accuse his father of not loving him, of being mean to him and many other unkind thoughts about his father. Several years later the son was given a rifle along with proper instruction for its use, as well as the dangers of careless shooting. The son then told his father he now knew why the rifle was refused when first asked for, and that the father was really showing his love and concern for the son in the refusal.

God is our Father, He often refuses our requests because of His love for us. He answers our every sincere prayer, but sometimes the answer is NO. And we in our selfish desires are unable to, or refuse to, accept.

If we are to understand the true meaning of "asking, seeking, and finding", and why, when we have done these things in the past without securing the desired results, then we must learn the whole lesson about praying as Jesus taught it to His disciples. We must remember the conditions upon which God does these things.

1. This ever-mindful God, our loving Father, has a way of His own and we must meet Him in His own way. He is very willing, yes, even anxious, to give good gifts—more than our earthly fathers, but He must be asked, and we must be persistent in our asking.
2. That prayer is not always answered immediately. The reason why God delays His gifts may be because that which is long looked for is sweeter when obtained, but that which comes easily is not valued much.
3. That it is often an act of the truest love to withhold a favor, however earnestly prayed for.
4. That prayer, though sometimes refused, for merciful reasons, at the time, is sometimes, perhaps always, eventually answered in a different and far higher sense that was expected or desired.

Depending upon how and what we "ask, seek and knock," determines how and what we shall be given; what we shall find; and what shall be opened unto us in answer to our prayers to God.

National Association of the Deaf

BYRON B. BURNES, *President*

ROBERT M. GREENMUN, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Report from the Committee on Increasing the Endowment Fund

\$38,987.19 IN CASH!
6,802.00 IN PLEDGES!!
817.00 IN LIFE MEMBERSHIP
PLEDGES!!!
\$46,606.19 TOTALS!!!!

The increase in cash over last month's figures (\$1240.20) is mainly due to the \$580 sent in by the Chicago Allied Organizations of the Deaf as its net proceeds of the Oct. 7 NAD Rally—\$109.20 from the Cleveland Association of the Deaf's Oct. 28 Rally—and \$50 from the Hartford (Conn.) Club of the Deaf's Rally of the same date. The District of Columbia Club of the Deaf's Nov. 11 Rally netted over \$60—the exact figures not available at the time of this writing.

This write-up will be more or less a statistical one. Collections made for the N.A.D. at the Michigan Association of the Deaf Convention held last June were the biggest of all the 1950 conventions—\$1946. The Chicago Rally was the biggest of the 1950 "strictly NAD Rallies"—\$2160.

When those clubs which held NAD Rallies the last part of 1950 send in their reports, the roster of all conventions and rallies held during 1950 will be set up in an early issue showing how the NAD was benefited.

May we remind you all to send or report in to the Headquarters any objectionable news items, misleading advertisements (be sure that name of periodical and date of appearance show

on the ads), etc. pertaining to the deaf. We also should like to receive anything complimentary to the deaf. That way we will be able to build up our files and expand our field of work for the good of all.

The information below is being reproduced for the benefit of those who may be doubtful of the legality of deducting contributions to the NAD on their income tax returns.

U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec. 30, 1951

Office of Commissioner
of Internal Revenue
The National Association of the Deaf
713 N. Madison St.
Rome, N. Y.
Gentlemen:

It is the opinion of this office, based upon the evidence presented that you are exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of Section 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code and corresponding sections of prior revenue acts, as it is shown that you are organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

Accordingly, you will not be required to file income tax returns unless you change the character of your organization, the purposes for which you are organized, or your method of operation. Any such changes should be reported immediately to the collector of internal revenue for your district in order that their effect upon your exempt status may be determined.

Furthermore, under substantially identical authority contained in sections 1426 and 1607 of the Code and/or corresponding provisions of the Social Security Act, the employment taxes imposed by such statutes are not appli-

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Dec. '50	\$38,987.19
Nov. '50	37,746.99
Oct. '50	36,693.49
Sept. '50	35,553.49
Aug. '50	34,751.49
July, '50	34,048.55
June, '50	33,454.55
May, '50	32,108.35
Apr., '50	31,392.35
Mar., '50	29,699.24
Feb., '50	25,133.44
Jan., '50	23,898.44
12-31-49	23,216.44
6-30-49	21,896.44
1946	14,752.82
1940	12,698.76
1937	14,740.95
1934	15,116.90
1930	11,151.20
1926	8,365.05
1923	5,387.89
1920	3,510.99
1918	2,878.04
1917	1,592.03
1915	979.04
1913	228.00
1907	28.51

PLEDGES . . . (Figures in parentheses indicate amount paid on pledge of \$100 unless otherwise indicated)

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Mr. & Mrs. Reuben I. Altizer (\$5)
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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of the DEAF CENTURY CLUB

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Miss Emma Bisdorf	5	Hunter Hanly	25	Hotel Medford	10
Samuel B. Blankstein	10	Walter Harnischfeger	10	Morris Melman	5
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C. W. Stowe, Acting Deputy Commissioner.

The 1951 Convention Season will be with us soon. We earnestly urge chairmen of such conventions to write to the Chicago Headquarters requesting a NAD representative for a personal appearance. A talk by such representative at each convention will result in a better understanding of the NAD. NAD rallies should also have NAD speakers.

LARRY N. YOLLES, *Chairman*

1545 NAD Life Members

The Life Membership roster listed by states through December 1950 shows the State of New York leading the way with 206 life members followed by Ohio with 176 and Illinois' 150.

State	Before July 1, 1949	July thru Dec. '49	Jan. thru Dec. '50	Totals
Alabama	9	0	14	23
Arizona	2	1	0	3
Arkansas	6	0	0	6
Australia	2	0	0	2
California	57	4	13	74
Canada	7	2	6	15
Colorado	6	1	1	8
Connecticut	30	5	5	40
Delaware	0	0	1	1
District of Columbia	42	10	3	55
Florida	17	2	4	23
Georgia	5	1	1	7
Idaho	0	0	0	0
Illinois	67	21	62	150
Indiana	14	6	6	26
Iowa	13	1	11	25
Kansas	16	0	7	23
Kentucky	15	5	1	21
Louisiana	5	2	1	8
Maine	0	0	0	0
Maryland	19	1	3	23
Massachusetts	16	1	1	18
Michigan	15	7	40	62
Minnesota	14	1	1	16
Mississippi	8	0	1	9
Missouri	72	0	0	72
Montana	1	1	2	4
Nebraska	7	6	0	13
Nevada	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	2	0	0	2
New Jersey	51	1	1	53
New Mexico	2	0	2	4
New York	152	15	39	206
North Carolina	16	1	0	17
North Dakota	1	0	0	1
Ohio	128	20	28	176
Oklahoma	3	0	2	5
Oregon	11	0	2	13

State	Before July 1, 1949	July thru Dec. '49	Jan. thru Dec. '50	Totals
Pennsylvania	54	10	16	80
Rhode Island	2	1	0	3
South Carolina	14	0	2	16
South Dakota	6	0	2	8
Tennessee	7	4	1	12
Texas	31	4	14	49
Utah	0	0	0	0
Vermont	2	0	1	3
Virginia	15	1	4	20
Washington	7	0	0	7
West Virginia	5	0	1	6
Wisconsin	18	7	103	128
Wyoming	0	0	0	0
Unknown	7	2	0	9
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Nomenclature Publicized

The American Bureau of Public Relations, publicity office for the NAD, has prepared for wide distribution a description of the terms defining the deaf and the hard of hearing.

Entitled, "The Nature of Deafness," the release stresses the difference between the deaf and the hard of hearing, quoting the definitions adopted by the NAD. It follows:

The Nature of Deafness

Nothing on earth is more important to the deaf than to have their condition *understood* by hearing persons. This task has not been made easier by the erroneous definition of deafness carried by certain dictionaries and in misleading advertisements of the hearing aid industry.

Who should know more about what deafness is than the deaf themselves? The next group of persons in understanding of problems of deafness are those who have made it their life work—the teachers of the deaf.

After long and earnest consideration, the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf in 1937 approved a definition of deafness. First, however, the Convention urged discontinuance of such terms as "deaf mute, mute, deaf and dumb, semi-mute and deafened."

The convention definition is in accord with that adopted by the White House Conference on Child Care and Welfare and in 1950 by both the New York Citizens Committee of One Hundred for Children and Youth and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Federal Security Agency. Further, it bears the approval of the National Association of the Deaf and the Canadian Association of the Deaf, the oldest and largest organization of the adult deaf in the United States and Canada.

The convention nomenclature on hearing problem terms follows:

"The deaf: those in whom the sense of hearing is non-functional for the ordinary purposes of life. This general group is made up of two distinct classes based entirely on the time of the loss

of hearing: (a) the congenitally deaf—those who were born deaf; (b) the adventitiously deaf—those who were born with normal hearing but in whom the sense of hearing is non-functional later through illness or accident.

"The hard of hearing: those in whom the sense of hearing, although defective, is functional with or without a hearing aid."

A deaf child simply cannot hear. A hard of hearing youngster has a sufficient degree of residual hearing to make him at home in the world of sound. Because this degree can be magnified many times with hearing aids, he has the approach to education of a child with normal hearing. With him, the primary problem is to conserve and expand his existing faculty of audition.

With the deaf child, the problem is entirely different and is enormously more complex. Because he cannot hear, a means of communication must be established to give him mastery of language and speech. This is one of the most difficult things to accomplish in the entire field of education.

The educational techniques needed to prepare a deaf child for life are poles apart from those needed by hard of hearing tots, who outnumber them by about a hundred to one.

The consequence of the tragic error of lumping the deaf and the hard of hearing together in the public mind is to generate a belief that the two groups *have the same problem*. Deaf children are dumped into classes with hard of hearing youngsters and because of the latter's preponderance of numbers, are subjected to education tailored for the hard of hearing, not for the deaf. *They need education designed for them and for them alone.*

The grievous nature of true deafness is not understood. A child born deaf is deprived of two senses—hearing and speech. Only by the most arduous and diligent teaching can these be established. Deaf children do not get a fair deal now in education. What kind of justice will be meted out to them if the current misconceptions of deafness continue? Remember, no less an authority than Helen Keller said that deafness was the greatest single handicap that could be visited on a child.

The present tendency, because of the erroneous dictionary definitions and the unscrupulous advertising of hearing aid manufacturers who describe their devices as useful to persons who have no use for them whatever (are spectacles useful to the blind?) has vicious consequences for the deaf.

There is no more decent, law-abiding and independent group of Americans than the deaf. Please help them by *understanding* their problem.

SWinging 'round the nation

Merry-Go-Rounders Keep New York Oralists Active

One of the most talked about social clubs on the Eastern Seaboard is a group of oralists known as the Merry-Go-Rounders, which meets the first and third Friday of each month, at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 West 73rd Street. The club has 228 members and is still growing. The only qualification for membership is that the prospective member be able to read the lips and to be understood by other oralists. The sign language is not used at the club.

Lest the reader misunderstand, the Merry-Go-Rounders emphasize the fact that they are not opposed to the sign language. Most of the members use the signs outside the club and among friends not accustomed to oral conversation. The purpose in maintaining the club on an oral basis is to afford the members an opportunity to keep up their practice in lip reading, and in speech.

Included among the activities of the Merry-Go-Rounders have been fencers, jugglers, magicians, Monte Carlo nights, dances, a Sadie Hawkins Day, picnics, and swimming outings.

Members of the club derive much of their inspiration from a social group worker, Ben Agid, a hearing friend selected by the Jewish Philanthropies for the Deaf. A tireless worker, he has been responsible for engendering much enthusiasm and interest among the members.

Elliott R. Rosenholz will report Merry-Go-Round activities for THE SILENT WORKER. His address is 456 West Broadway, Long Beach, New York.

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OREGON . . .

On December 2nd the Frat and the Frat Auxiliary in Portland had a meeting and election. The new officers of the Frat are Fred Drake as president, Harold Blakely as vice president, Frank Amann as secretary, and Lloyd Adams as treasurer. The Auxiliary elected Rocksien Hood as president, Alice Spath as vice-president, Helen Drake as secretary, and Zelma Walton as treasurer. After the meetings the gents and ladies were together for a gift exchange. Refreshments were served and everybody enjoyed the evening immensely.

Just before Christmas Miss Catherine Marshall, who teaches in the California school, came to Portland, Oregon, to spend several days with Mrs. Henry Stack. At that time Mr. Stack had some business to do in Spokane. Mrs. Stack, accompanied by her little daughter, Miss Marshall, and Mr. Ramger of Vancouver, Washington, motored to Salem. Some friends in Salem were very much surprised to see Miss Marshall and were sorry that she did not stay in Salem longer. She went back to California to be with her folks for Christmas.

WISCONSIN

A dinner was served at the Milwaukee Silent Club on Saturday, December 3th from five to seven o'clock. After the meal, the members and visitors went to the St. Francis Social Center to witness a game played between the basket-ball players of the Milwaukee Silent Club and the Southtown Club of Chicago. The Milwaukee Silent Club won the game, 58 to 45. After the game, they returned to the Milwaukee Silent Club for refreshments. There were about 100 people present.

Mr. Samuel Lewis, an employee of the Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company, left Milwaukee for New York City on December 29th. Miss Lucy Wertheimer of New York City and Mr. Lewis were to be married at the Hotel Brewster there on December 30th.

There were about 375 relatives and deaf friends at the Patio in Milwaukee on Saturday evening, November 25th, to help Mr. and Mrs. Oscar S. Meyer celebrate their Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary. Mr. Meyer is president of The Deaf Bowling Association of Wisconsin. (See an article about his bowling in THE SILENT WORKER of April, 1950, page 28.) He is chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Wisconsin Association of the Deaf. Wonderful food was served at half past ten o'clock.

Mr. Allen De Long of West Mansfield, Ohio, who attended the Ohio State School for the Deaf, accepted a position at the Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company recently. The company is the largest factory in the state of Wisconsin.

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Below, children of deaf parents surrounding Santa Claus and Rev. Hoffman at Ephpheta Social Center, Chicago.

Santa Claus (Lenny Warshawsky), assisted by Ben Estrin, and Beatrice and Jeanette Miller, hands out gifts at Chicago Club.





Speaker addressing members at York Association meeting. Cut courtesy the York Dispatch.

York Association Center of Social Activity

Mrs. Howard Coleman Imhoff, a noted writer, recently visited the headquarters of the York, Pennsylvania, Association of the Deaf and wrote a description of the club for the *York Dispatch*, illustrated with photographs of activities at the club. The article is condensed here for the benefit of the deaf elsewhere interested in the York Association.

The club room of the York Association is at 114 South George Street and is at present under the direction of President Clair Spangler. Gerald Crush is vice president; Clarence Conway, treasurer; Samuel Schultz, secretary; and Raymond Price and Henry Senft, trustees.

The Association boasts of 92 members, all living within a 10-mile radius of the city. About one third are women.

The Association had its beginning twelve years ago, with no funds. It has prospered and flourished in the years since, and was able recently to purchase an \$800 television set.

The many interesting activities sponsored by the York Association are credited with having induced a number of deaf persons to move to York, and they have been able to find employment readily. A number of women work in the sewing factories and hosiery mills which are among New York's chief industries. A large number of the men are employed at the Home Furniture Company plant, and others are scattered among other firms, each of which employs one or more deaf workmen. Freeman Weaver has worked for the American Chain Company for 34 years.

The York club maintains a full round of sports activities, sponsoring softball, basketball and bowling teams. Gerald Crush is state bowling champion of the Pennsylvania Athletic Association of the Deaf, and Eugene Miller won the 220-yard dash at the state track meet.

The deaf of York participate in an active religious life, most of them attending regular services of St. John's Episcopal Church, conducted by the Rev. Warren M. Smaltz, who has administered to the deaf for 27 years.

A typical activity calendar for the Association includes a Christmas party, a New Year's Eve party, Valentine social, George Washington's day social, a magic show, an indoor carnival, a ping pong tournament, a bazaar and a card party. The club stages an annual picnic, which moves about among such noted spots as Atlantic City, Hershey, Shewsbury, and the Gettysburg Battlefield.

The York Association is credited with having performed an important function in enriching the lives of the deaf throughout the state. It is affiliated with the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf.

Like all loyal deaf, the members of the York Association stand by the combined system in the education of the deaf, and the sign language as the best means of communication. Says Mrs. Imhoff:

"The Y.A.D. members still think the sign language essential in the education of the deaf, as through it they find they are better able to communicate with one another."

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MINNESOTA . . .

Two teams of feminine bowlers from Thompson Hall went up to Duluth to attend the WIBC State Tourney. The A team didn't fare so well, but the B team, composed of Virginia Johnson, Marilyn Zahrbock, Josephine Michelau, Phyllis Krajewski and captain Beverly Lauby, did better, copping 11th place with a 2,543 total including handicap, also a \$30 cash prize.

The efforts of the Thompson Hall Athletic Association to achieve the goal of \$1,000 for the 1952 MAAD Basketball Tournament Fund were finally rewarded when a benefit play entitled, "Mock Wedding" attracted a large turnout November 18. Credit for the success of the play goes to Alby Peterson and Jimmy Jones, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind., who, in fact, stole the whole show with his acting.

Two visitors who claimed to hail from Milwaukee and another, of Toledo, Ohio, who showed up at Thompson Hall some time ago, were found to be peddlers and were given the bum's rush by the house committee. They created quite a bit of excitement among the local deaf. Anyone who has the nerve to show up at that place, if they are known to be peddlers, will be given similar treatment.

In a recent volleyball tournament at the St. Paul YMCA, three deaf fellows, William Johnson, Dick Opseth and Duane Clark, were awarded individual trophies when their team, composed mostly of hearing players, won the championship.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wolter, of Osseo, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in September, are seriously ill. Mr. Wolter is suffering from cancer and is confined at the Swedish Hospital, while Mrs. Wolter is recovering from a heart attack at the University Hospital.

The father of Mrs. Wilbert Fry, who lives on a farm near Dassel, suffered the loss of a hand November 1, when it was caught in a corn picker. He had to wait about two hours before someone came to release him. Amputation was necessary.

Mrs. Cora O'Neill, of Seattle, Wash., has been a guest of Mrs. Anna Torgerson of St. Paul for several weeks. She is on her way to Milwaukee where she expects to live with a daughter.

Mrs. Anna Morton, of Chicago, makes occasional visits with her daughter in the Twin Cities. Despite her advanced age, she managed to drop in the clubhouse November 18 to renew acquaintances.

Delbert Erickson, who works as a floor man on the lobster shift at the Minneapolis *Star and Tribune* plant, entered Northwestern Hospital for several days' treatment for his shoulder. It was dislocated lost spring in an auto accident.

The Kenneth Schimmele family, Ken Pearl, and daughter Arlette, have been visiting Ken's parents in Mapleton for several weeks now and it is hoped that they will eventually decide to sell their California home and remain in Mapleton. Kenneth paid a recent visit to the Southern Minnesota Club of the Deaf and during the evening gave a short talk on the years he had spent in California and his help with organizing a new club out there less than two years ago, the Long Beach Club in Long Beach, California. He felt that the rapid growth of the little club was largely due to the capable management and went on at length in describing how it had come about. The Schimmele family were close friends and neighbors of Mrs. Geraldine Fail, Editor of the News in the Silent Worker, and had a large part in founding the Long Beach Club with Geraldine and her husband John.

The Schimmeles entertained some 300 persons in mid-November on the occasion of Ken's parent's Golden Wedding Anniversary. Ken is working on a newspaper in Mapleton and he and his friends there are thinking of organizing a local deaf club which will meet at the IOOF Hall.

NEW JERSEY . . .

The Reverend and Mrs. James Cotton of New York gave a Christmas party in Elizabeth, held at the YMCA, on December 20. About twenty-four were present, including Miss Lottie Reikehof of Elizabeth and the Rev. Payne of Mongolia. Miss Reikehof was home for the holidays from Springfield, Mo., where she teaches in the Central Bible Institution. Rev. Payne showed picture slides about the Mongolian people and Miss Reikehof interpreted for the deaf.

Miss Catherine Shaw of Jersey City was chairman of the Christmas party held at the Newark Silent Club on Dec. 23. Every member received a prize, tied to the end of a string.

William Metelski of Irvington is sporting a new 1951 Ford, delivered to him just before Christmas.

The Newark Silent Club held election of officers in December and the following will carry the banner during the new year: president, Walter Grant; vice president, Harold Perry; secretary, Alfred Shaw (re-elected); treasurer, Joseph Elenter (re-elected).

The items from New Jersey were sent in by Madge Finley, new correspondent.

NEBRASKA

There was a post-wedding party at the Council Bluffs (Ia.) Silent Club, November 19, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Samson of Council Bluffs. Mrs. Samson was the former Mary Albrecht of Des Moines, Ia., and a sister of Mrs. Clem Thompson of Des Moines. There were about fifty people at the party at which the Samsons were presented with a coffee table.

The Omaha Club of the Deaf had their Fifth Annual Stage Show at the

Nebraska School, November 18, under the direction of Owen Study and his committee. A good attendance was present, including a few people from Lincoln, Nebr. The entire show was good and the committee is to be commended for their labor and time spent in making it a success. Lack of space doesn't permit printing the long program, but we will pick for originality, thorough preparation, and perfect acting that part of the show, "Bob Hope" in person. He was none other than Hans Neujahr, who gave a good impersonation of Bob Hope, even to the jutting chin and the ski slope nose, and he delivered an exactly Bob Hopish speech at the OCD Microphone, interspersing it with funny gags that belonged to Bob Hope only. He was assisted by Marie Goetter, interpreting for him, and she did her part very well.

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Street at Olathe Naval Station Named for Son of Deaf Lady

On December 7, 1950, sixteen avenues at the Olathe, Kansas, naval air station were dedicated to the memory of navy and marine fliers who lost their lives in the services of their country.

Among these sixteen fliers was Lieut. (j.g.) Thomas Tade Simpson, son of Mrs. Iona T. Simpson, long a teacher at Kansas School for the Deaf, but now a resident of Denver, Colorado.

Lieut. Simpson, after graduating from Olathe High School, attended the University of California at Los Angeles. When the war came, he joined the services and was commissioned an ensign and assigned to the *U.S.S. Bowers*, a destroyer escort, as executive officer.

He was killed in 1945 when a Japanese suicide plane crashed into his ship during the Battle of Okinawa.

Mrs. Simpson was invited to be one of the guests of honor at the dedication ceremonies. Governor Hagaman of Kansas was the chief speaker. During the ceremonies, a section of navy fighter planes flew over the base in tribute.

After the solemn ceremonies, the guests of honor visited the newly-placed signs and stood in the biting snow-laden wind to read the names.

Mrs. Simpson is one of the many deaf parents who lost their children in the last war. May her sense of loss be alleviated by the fact that the United States has given her son a signal honor.



Above, the late Lt. Thomas Tade Simpson. At right, his mother, Mrs. Iona T. Simpson, with her sister, on Simpson Street, named in honor of her son.



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Indianapolis Ready for AAAD Tourney

After months of effort, the Committee in charge of the forthcoming Seventh Annual A.A.A.D. National Basketball tournament have announced that all arrangements are practically completed. The tourney, to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 29 to 31st, 1951 is expected to be one of the best ever. The rivalry among the teams from the different sections of the country competing in the previous tournaments has shown a decided increase at each successive event and is expected to reach a peak at the coming meet in Indianapolis.

There will be trophies for almost every imaginable achievement of those taking part in the Tourney. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brown are in charge of the trophies and when they sent out their appeals for donations for the various awards they were literally swamped with response.

The committee has secured one of the finest high school gymnasiums in the midwest for the tourney. The Arsenal Technical High School Gymnasium is ideal for the purpose. It will handle around 4,500 people and is easily reached from the downtown district where the headquarters will be located. It is about one mile from the Claypool Hotel and is easily reached by bus or taxi. There is plenty of parking space for those who wish to drive their own cars. The gymnasium is very seldom rented to outside parties and was secured only through the hard work of Charlie Whisman, General Chairman of the Tournament.

The entertainment part of the program will start off with a Reception and Program in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel, the headquarters. A small admission may be charged to visitors

but this has not been decided yet. That depends on the nature of the entertainment program.

On Friday afternoon the players and officials will be taken on a conducted tour of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This is mainly for the players and officials but anyone else may make the trip on their own if they wish. The trip must be made at the hours specified as the track is not open at other times.

The first game of the tournament will be Friday night at 5:30 o'clock and the contests will continue with the second session Saturday morning at 8, the semi-finals starting at 1:30 Saturday afternoon and the final session getting underway at 6:30 Saturday night. Following the final game, the gymnasium will be given over to a program of dancing and entertainment until midnight.

A word about hotels. Indianapolis is located near two large army camps—Camp Atterbury and Ft. Harrison—and the city is usually filled with soldiers during week-ends. Also at least two other large conventions are booked at the same time as our tourney. This makes it evident that sleeping quarters will be at a premium at that time. The large hotels have all promised us a limited number of rooms but in all probability not nearly enough. In face of this, the wise ones will send in their reservations to Mrs. Daisy Goodin with-

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out delay. Those who wait until the last minute and then expect to get a room will likely be disappointed.

An information booth manned by a committee headed by Mrs. Goldie Jones will be maintained in the Claypool Hotel. The Information Committee will be glad to furnish any information about the city or the tourney to the visitors and help them in any other way they can. Also the main Tournament Committee will be on hand at all times for the assistance of those who don't know their way around. All of the Committee members will be dressed in distinctive red jackets and will be easy to spot.

The Indianapolis Deaf Club will maintain open house continuously during the tournament and visitors are welcome to drop in any time for a friendly chat and refreshments. President Fred Hazel extends a hearty welcome to everyone and he is seconded by House Manager George Layden and Martin Dryer, who was House Manager last year and is in charge of the open house during the tournament.

The glad hand of Hoosier Hospitality will be extended to all the players, officials and just plain visitors. We want to see a record crowd and we want everyone to have a wonderful time. Come on, folks, don't let us down.—LEBERT E. JONES.

Golden Tornadoes Set Courts Ablaze

The basketball team representing the New York Golden Tornadoes A.C. has amassed four impressive victories in its early-season games and his its sights set on tournament play.

Starting on November 18, The Tornadoes defeated Philadelphia HAD 65 to 57 as the great Tornado, Carl Lorello, counted 22 points. On Dec. 2 they out-scored mighty Philadelphia SAC 82 to 74, and this time Lorello poured in 36 points. Say Bernstein also had a good night, connecting for 20 points. The Tornadoes nipped Newark SAC 58 to 57 on Dec. 9, in their closest scrape.

On Dec. 16 the Golden Tornadoes hooked up with Naismith SAC in their annual battle for the Black Jug, the Tornadoes smashing Naismith 66 to 41.

The Golden Tornadoes A.C. has been admitted to membership in the New York Athletic Association of the Deaf, the Eastern AAD and the American AAD.

Golden Tornado officers for 1951 are: President, Al Berge; vice president, Leonard Vogel; secretary, Charles Krampe; treasurer, Seymour Bernstein; board of governors, Joseph Hines, Abe Cook, James Epstein, Bernard Rothenberg, and Albert Barnes.

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ILLINOIS...

Mrs. Matilda Schroenicke made a trip to Florida in mid-November, visiting her former schoolmate, Mrs. H. Salmon, whom she had not seen for almost 60 years. Mrs. Dalmon and Mrs. Holmes tendered Matilda a farewell party before she left for home. On the return trip, Matilda stopped over for a visit with the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Rutherford.

Mrs. Mary Barrow, widow of the late Washington Barrow, enjoyed a recent plane trip, her first. She visited her daughter, Beatrice, in Boston and while there she suffered two heart attacks and spent most of her visit in the hospital. She is at home now and so much improved that she is able to receive visitors and enjoys telling them about her plane ride.

Mrs. Edna Carlson has returned from a three week trip through the West. She drove her brand new Ford and was accompanied by two hearing lady friends.

Wendell Bellinger, Charles Rabelhofer, and James Downs are responsible for the success of the Thanksgiving

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Eve party held at the Ephpheta Club. The previous Saturday, November 18, Jennie Mastny and Ann Kersten held a most successful affair at the Chicago Club, which brought in a goodly sum for the club coffers. Turkeys, ducks and chickens were given away as prizes at both parties.

The President and V-P of Chicago's Red Cross, Mrs. Ryerson and Mrs. Driscoll, were invited to be guests at the annual Christmas Luncheon given by the deaf workers of the Red Cross at the Chicago Club on December 4. Both ladies stated they thought the group of deaf workers were the happiest of all the Chicago Red Cross units under their jurisdiction.

On December 16, Mr. and Mrs. Elkins of Louisville stopped off to visit the Al Loves for a few days before continuing on to Denver, Colo.

The deaf of Chicago enjoyed quite a few Christmas parties during the holidays. Each party featured distribution of gifts to children, refreshments, and enjoyable programs of stories and Christmas carols. L. S. Cherry enchanted the members with his wonderful stories and Lenny Warshawsky was a mighty disappointed young man when everyone guessed his identity, which he thought was so well hidden under his Santa Claus costume. However, he made a right jolly Santa.

The Methodist Church, under Rev. Constance Elmes, held its Christmas Party on December 22 at the Chicago Temple. Stories were related by Frieda Meagher, Kitty Leiter and the two sons of Rev. Elmes. Most impressive was the beautiful rendition of "Silent Night" by Mesdames Smith and Zeman and Miss Morgan.

The Episcopal Church held its party December 24 with the Rev. Leisman of Milwaukee on hand to assist with the program, which opened with a hymn sung by Mrs. Mary Hagemeyer. Mr. and Mrs. William Maiworm donated the fruit and candy at the Lutheran Church party which also took place on the 24th.

Those leaving town over the holidays were Mrs. E. Scott, who spent Christmas week-end in Akron with her daughter, and Miss Eleanor Cain who visited her sisters in Kansas City.

The local Lions Club entertained the deaf children at the Ephpheta school and selected genial Julius Dhondt to enact the role of Santa. The children were thrilled at finding a Santa who could converse with them in the sign language.

We are indebted to Virgie Dries

Fitzgerald for the Illinois news this month. In a note attached to her copy, Virgie informed us that contributing news to THE SILENT WORKER was one of her New Year resolutions. We hope she keeps it and we also hope that others thought of making a similar resolution.

KANSAS . . .

The Wichita Club for the Deaf was host to the first MAAD Bowling Tournament on November 25. The Silent Athletic Club of Denver was first in team play with 2989. The Wichita Athletic Club placed second. Denver took the doubles play with the team of Harvat and Cornish getting 1228. Chebultz and Ellinger of Wichita placed second with 1203. Horton of Denver took singles honors with 653. Ellinger was a runner-up with 627. Horton again took top honors in all events with 1649. After the tournament the ladies of WCD served a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. A program and dance followed with a good crowd on hand. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brown of Salina, Mr. and Mrs. Tipton of McPherson, Harold Kistler from Manhattan and several others were there for the occasion.

November 11 found Bob Gaunce and Ed Holonya hunting at the John O'Connor farm. Ed is the printing instructor at the Kansas School and hails from the East and this marked his first hunting trip. After hunting high and low in Olathe for a gun for Ed, they finally left Friday, November 10, and arrived late at night. Up early the next morning, Bob explained the fundamentals of hunting and identified wild rabbits. (Ed had never seen a wild rabbit and we wonder if he was expecting white bunnies with pink eyes.) The boys had lots of fun—who wouldn't, with an amateur from New Jersey along—and bagged quail besides rabbits. Ed was so thrilled at bagging his first rabbit that after cleaning it, he talked of sending a piece of the fur home to his mom in N.J.

November 19 saw several men from Kansas City, Manhattan and Wilson hunting on the John O'Connor farm and neighborhood, bagging eighteen quail and ten rabbits. Hunting were Bob Hambel, Albert and Sonny Stack, Bob Merritt, the Mog brothers, the Kistler brothers and Marvin McGlynn. Roberta Joe Milner of Bushton helped with cooking the dinner for the hungry wolves at the O'Connor farm.

Mrs. Victor Nada and Percy Astle of Wichita underwent minor operations in November. Virgil Welborn had the misfortune of stepping on a

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Cincinnati Welcomes 1951

As has been the custom since its founding, the Greater Cincinnati Silent Club planned big doings for the New Year's Celebration, and with New Year's Eve falling on Sunday and Monday being a holiday, it was possible to make the celebration a three-day affair.

With the officers of the club sharing various duties plans for the big evening ran smoothly. Ordinarily the members of the Women's Club would have taken charge of the kitchen department, but this year, desiring to enjoy the fun with no tours of duty, two colored deaf girls were hired to work in the kitchen, and this plan made a big hit with everyone and the girls were kept busy dispensing sandwiches and snacks until long past midnight and well into 1951.

Under the expert management of Hope Porter, a series of hilarious sketches were presented in the auditorium of the club. The sketches were voted the funniest ever, and that covers a lot of ground. The show lasted about an hour.

With the arrival of the magic hour of midnight and the dawn of the new year, the girls all got soundly kissed and the boys were wished a prosperous 1951, and toasts were downed in welcome of the fledgling year.

Attendance during the evening celebration approximated 200, with a large number of out-of-town guests swelling the local attendance.

The New Year's party marked the swan song of the "lame duck" roster of officers of the club. Those bowing out were Hilbert Duning, president; Eugene Carleton, first vice president; Ruth Taylor, second vice president; Elizabeth Bacheberle, secretary; James Frazer, treasurer, and Gust Straus, chairman of the Board of Governors, LeRoy Duning, George Klein, Robert Tyx, and Ray Grayson.

New officers, elected at the December 15th meeting, are Hope Porter, president; Paul Judy, first vice president; George Mangold, second vice president; Rosemary McHugh, secretary, and Harriet Duning, treasurer. New members of the Board of Governors are—Gus Straus (reelected), Robert Hulley, Fred O'Brien, Ralph Erb and James Frazer. No chairman was elected, the board members selecting a chairman from among their members, at the first regular meeting of the Board. The retiring officers wish the new the best of luck, with much success in running the club, for 1951.

Paul and Florence Bischoff entertained a few friends at their new home in Price Hill, Cincinnati, on New Year's Eve and from reports, a very enjoyable time made the hours pass swiftly, so swiftly the advent of the New Year al-

most passed unnoticed. Guests were the brother team of Howard and Larry Kelley of Brookville, Ind., Vernon and Jean Volz and an Indianapolis friend of Mrs. Volz's, Bill and Feva Goodpaster, Larry and Kathleen Vogelpohl, Helen Healey, and a few others, all of Cincinnati.

Having lived on a farm on the outskirts of Lawrenceburg, Ind., for many years, the Bischoffs are delighted with their new suburban home of modern construction. Their daughter, Barbara Ann, is a pupil of the St. Rita School for the Deaf, near Lockland, Ohio.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, Cincinnati was blanketed with a heavy fall of snow which reached almost blizzard proportions at times. Though this fall of snow brought joy to the kids, it brought misfortune to Rev. August J. Staubitz of the Cameron M. E. Church, for while shoveling snow from the walks in front of his residence, he slipped on the icy underfooting and fell, fracturing his hip. The injury necessitated a long confinement in the hospital, but the latest report is that he has been removed to his home and is progressing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Durette of Erlanger, Ky, came within two days of receiving the nicest of all Christmas presents—their first child. The youngster, a girl, was born on Saturday, December 23, at the Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati and weighed 7 pounds, seven ounces. The future Kentucky belle has been named Patricia Ann.

Joe is a night linotype operator on The Cincinnati Record and when he came back to earth, he visited the shop to pass around the conventional cigars.

Only a day or so before the birth of their daughter, the Durette's moved into their recently purchased home in Erlanger, so Joe has hardly had time to sit down lately.—RAY GRAYSON.

St. Louis Park Aide Dies

Fred Stocksick, deaf brother of Bill Stocksick, grounds superintendent at Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, died on November 23, after collapsing November 3 with a cerebral hemorrhage.

As an employee at the park where big league baseball games are played, Fred was a friend of ball players throughout both the major leagues. The umpires, too, were his friends, and he was known to countless thousands of fans as "the little white-haired man who put down the white markers at home plate." They saw him before every game. He had been a member of Sportsman's Park ground crew for 21 years.

Fred Stocksick is survived by his widow, Marguerite; three daughters; and a son, as well as four brothers and two sisters.



Photo courtesy the San Francisco Chronicle.

Tilden Statue on New Resting Place in San Francisco

The famous "Mechanics" monument, which has been a landmark of San Francisco for fifty years, was moved to a new location during January, to make way for progress. Standing at the junction of Market, Bush, and Battery streets, the monument had become an impediment to the heavy flow of traffic. Its removal made possible a widening of the confluence of Battery and Market streets.

Its new location is only some fifty feet east of its former stand, so it will still be one of the centers of attraction of the city.

The Tilden statue, which shows five mechanics straining at a giant metal drill-punch, was executed by Douglas Tilden, noted deaf sculptor, in 1899, as a memorial to Peter Donahue, San Francisco's first industrialist. For that reason, it is frequently referred to locally as the Donahue monument.

The monument has not always en-

joyed a peaceful existence. Threats to change it or to remove it have been made before, but all attempts met strenuous opposition. In the early days there was some talk of erecting a horse trough at the base of the monument, and Tilden, himself, protested. "Let my 'Mechanics' alone," he wrote, "and posterity will thank you." During the last war, when the country was scoured for scrap iron, someone suggested that the Tilden statue (which is of bronze) be converted to implements of war. Protests, including one from the president of the NAD, greeted this movement and the monument was allowed to stay.

Shortly after World War II, the city planned to move the monument to Golden Gate Park, but again there were protests—this time from the labor unions, who honor the memory of Peter Donahue.

Cost of moving the monument fifty feet amounted to \$10,600.

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nail November 29 at his place of employment. George Denton had a heart attack December 13 and is doing well in a hospital. He is 81 years old and employed steadily in a box factory.

William Brown, a former Kansan in California, stopped in Great Bend, calling on the Dietrich brothers and Robert Mung December 8. He stopped at the Wichita Club for the Deaf the next night where he met a host of schoolmates whom he had not seen for several years. He is on a month's vacation and is hoping to see all relatives and friends in Kansas, Missouri and Iowa before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley De Moss of St. John visited with the Reeds and Fairchilds in Hutchinson the week end of December 9. They were brought to the WCD by the Don Millers that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Munz of Macksville have bought a better car—'41 Chev Club Coupe—and made a trip to Garden City December 9 and 10 to visit the Clarkson Thompsons and Ralph Martin, stopping at Cimarron on the way home where the Willard Crosbys showed off their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Grier of Wichita spent Christmas holidays with their daughter and family in Florida.

OHIO

Carson Hoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoy, was elected judge of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas in the recent election. He won by a large majority. Carson has been Prosecutor of Hamilton County for several years and his parents are justifiably proud of their distinguished son.

The youngest member of the Cincinnati deaf organizations, the Seven Hills Club, sponsored its first dance the evening of November 18, at Turner's Hall in Covington, Ky., just across the river from Cincinnati. Mrs. Elsie Marqua, assisted by Mrs. Julian Kess, was responsible for the success of the evening. A large crowd of deaf and hearing friends made merry during the evening, the highlight being a floor show provided by the Zint Donelan School of Dancing. Later in the evening, club members tried some square-dancing and with three groups going full-blast at the same time, the floor got a good stomping. After all this strenuous activity, the refreshment stand did a land-slide business.

New officers of the C.A.D. at Cleveland are: Bob McClaesky, president; H. Haver, vice president; C. Burney, secretary; B. Hermelin, treasurer; S. Davis, J. Cahen, A. Baloga, trustees.

NEW YORK...

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lundin, Port Richmond, Staten Island, upon the birth of a son on December 4.

Mrs. Sydney Armfield of Johnson City is a patient at Wilson Memorial Hospital, under observation for a throat ailment. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hosta, of Holyoke, Mass., were called to Binghamton on November 10 by the serious illness of Mr. Hosta's father. Mrs. Hosta had the opportunity to visit many of her old friends during their stay.

Harold Chauncey, who was married on October 5, took his bride to Niagara Falls and Canada for a honeymoon, but their happiness was rudely interrupted when an old knee injury became infected and forced Harold to return home to the hospital. He had to undergo surgery and is now at home convalescing.

A crowd estimated at 400 jammed the E. J. Recreation Hall recently to help Fred Hand and Arthur Rodman celebrate thirty years' employment with Endicott-Johnson. They were awarded certificates. Paul Tucker, Elery Race, and Lewis P. Garbett, Sr., are other old timers in the employ of the firm.

Michael Charma, of Endicott, spent Thanksgiving with his fiancée in Syracuse, where they made plans for their wedding to take place on Dec. 23.

Ralph Hoag and his family motored to Endicott in their new Mercury station wagon and were guests of his parents, the Mahlon E. Hoags, for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dix, of Walton, and Mr. and Mrs. John Stafford of Oxford spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hink, of Binghamton. The Dixes were guests for four days.

Mrs. John Clark, of Binghamton, scored a big hit with her committee at the covered dish supper held recently by the Merrill Guild of the Deaf. The affair was held at All Saints Church at Johnson City. All agreed it was the most successful affair held so far.

The Clarks recently purchased a Spartan T-V set and had an opportunity to demonstrate its wonders on Nov. 22, when Mrs. Clark held a surprise birthday party honoring Mrs. Helen Leach, of Johnson City. The guests saw a wrestling match between a deaf Negro of Brooklyn and one of Detroit. A large group attended and presented a lovely blue and white bedroom ensemble to the guest of honor.

Mrs. John Dunn and her mother, of Ottawa, Canada, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, of Binghamton. They spent two weeks there and made many new friends, as well as attending the lecture by Samuel Shah and numerous social affairs. Mrs. Aikens, sister of Mrs. Clark, came from St. Catharines, Canada, on Nov. 22 to spend the holiday.

Up-state New York items are written by Gertrude M. Hink.

CALIFORNIA

Esther K. Martin, retired teacher of the California school, is in Agnews hospital. Her illness is attributed to overwork and stress of family cares.

A housewarming took place at the lovely new home of Louis and Sarah Ruggeri in the Berkeley Hills just recently. Some sixty friends and relatives gathered to "Oh" and "Ah" at the cozy little home with its remarkable all-electric kitchen. Louis is a master baker and Sarah is steadily employed as a clerk in Oakland. They have a pretty young daughter attending the local Junior High School.

New home owners in Southern California are the Odean Rasmussens and the Marvin Goodwins. The deaf hereabouts continue to prosper, as is evidenced by the number of new cars making an appearance lately. Thomas and Becky Elliott are sporting a snazzy new '50 Buick, Herman and Flo Skedsmo have bought a '49 Mercury, whilst out in Long Beach John and Geraldine Fail are busily putting mileage on a brand new grecian grey Chevrolet Fleetline 2-door sedan to which John added a small fortune in extras.

The Sunshine Circle, a Los Angeles institution, met the first Wednesday in November for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. They are Flo Stillman, pres.; Mrs. Murdy, v-pres.; Lucille Lindholm, sec'y; Evelyn Gerichs, treas.; and Mesdames Willman, Laura Bingham, and Grace Noah, trustees. This organization is engaged in charitable work and helps many of the needy deaf in Southern California. November 25 the Circle held a big Charity Bazaar-Dinner affair and realized a tidy sum which will enable them to do even more during the coming year. Evelyn Gerichs chairmanned that worthy event and is much to be congratulated for its success.

ARKANSAS ALUMNI BOOKS FOR SALE

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Art Kruger's Fifteenth Annual Football Story

Minnesota Top Grid Team of 1950

**Mt. Airy Pulled 1950's Prize Grid Shocker
 Oklahoma Voted 1950's Surprise
 "Deaf Jim Thorpe" Smith Named Player of Year
 "Choctaw" Smith, Another Indian, Picked Top Coach**

EVER HEAR OF A TEAM which lost several topnotch players through graduation the previous year winning the mythical national school for the deaf football championship the following year?

This can be said about the amazing Minnesota School for the Deaf Hilltoppers who completed a very fine season of five victories in six games played.

From its 1949 varsity Minnesota lost seven veterans and four of them were outstanding players — Douglas Burke, Jack Wright, John Mathews, and Richard Caswell. At present Burke, Caswell, and Wright are enrolled at Gallaudet College, and we understand Burke and

Wright made the first team in football there.

There were those who felt that the Hilltoppers could not come through the 1950 season with such a good record, primarily because of those veterans they lost last spring. The school, however, ploughed into the tough six game schedule with 21 wilink kids and a lot of hope. Head Coach George Hanson would have considered the season a roaring success had his charges racked up a pair of wins.

"We just hoped to give the teams we met a good game of it without being hammered to death. I wasn't worried so much about winning or losing as I was about our 'pore' little boys getting hurt," wrote Hanson.

But as the season progressed the worry turned to amazement as his charges, after losing the opening game to powerful Farmington High School, racked up one win after another over schools with larger enrollments, heavier teams, and deeper personnel. And Coach Hanson even defied the elements in leading his charges to the mythical national school for the deaf grid title of 1950.

Rather than evading contact work to escape injuries on his undermanned squad, Hanson sent his courageous Hilltoppers through all sorts of scrimmages and tackle practices as the season progressed.

And Coach Hanson's conditioning program paid off in a big way, for his boys went through the season without a major injury.

Coach Hanson, a product of the South Dakota School for the Deaf and

a graduate of Gallaudet College in the class of 1941, had worked hard, paying attention to all details that are necessary to produce a winning team. A modest sort of guy, he gives his charges full credit for the fine record they posted during the 1950 season. "These boys have learned fast and responded well to every demand we've made on them," writes Hanson.

In the six-game schedule the Hilltoppers made 193 points while holding their opponents to 25. Most spectacular performance of their season was their 18 to 6 win over Illinois School for the Deaf, held at Jacksonville, Ill., last October 21, whose goal line the Hilltoppers had been unable to penetrate in four previous games. Illinois beat Minnesota, 38-0, in 1937; 14-0, in 1938; 27-0, in 1947, and 13-0, in 1948.



Left, Myron Smith of the Minnesota School for the Deaf, **PLAYER OF THE YEAR**. Right, Choctaw Smith of the Oklahoma School, **COACH OF THE YEAR**. Both are of Indian ancestry. Myron is a Chippewa from Cass Lake, Minn., and "Choctaw" is half Choctaw.





At left is Tom Kennedy, coach of Mt. Airy's Mighty Mites, and at right is Erwin Antoni, Mt. Airy's athletic director. Kennedy played four years of halfback at John Carroll University in Ohio, while Antoni was University of Pennsylvania four-letter athlete. During their two-year connection with the school they have done a commendable job.

Another sweet victory for Coach Hanson's boys was their first victory over a Pillsbury eleven since 1937, when they walloped Pillsbury Academy, 45-0 September 29th. Last year Pillsbury defeated Minnesota, 20-0.

Coach Hanson really had a well-balanced squad that did everything asked of it. What he likes about the club is its overall speed, even up front, and no weak links. And didn't they bury Alden under a 60-6 tally when all the marbles were in the pot in their last game of the season, despite the free use of substitutes?

For better reading here's Minnesota's record for the season:

MSD	OPP.
6—Farmington High School	13
31—Dodge Center High School	0
45—Pillsburg Academy	0
33—Wisconsin School for the Deaf	0
18—Illinois School for the Deaf	6
60—Alden High School	6

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All in all Minnesota's Hilltoppers of 1950 are stronger than the '49 club which was rated as the No. 5 team in the country.

That's the opinion of rapid Hilltopper followers. And even one gentleman who attended the Alden game said: "Those deaf boys play college football."

One of the brightest success stories of the 1950 football season is that of little Indian Myron George Smith, 145-pound quarterback of the National Champion Minnesota team.

In a way it's a rags to riches story with a touch of the Horatio Alger flavor.

"Smith," writes Hanson, "is the best quarterback I have had in my eight-year coaching tenure. He has clicked

very efficiently in our T-formation and being a Junior he played for MSD for the last time in his career, owing to the fact he will become of age next season. Naturally, the departure of this classy player will be felt."

Myron Smith has played on the Minnesota team for four years and he has improved consistently from year to year.

The following item was clipped from *Albert Lea Evening Tribune*, telling about Myron Smith's greatest performance in the Alden game:

"Shades of Jim Thorpe!"

That's what they were saying here last night when another great Indian athlete, Myron Smith, a Chippewa from Cass Lake, Minn., ran and passed his Minnesota School for the Deaf teammates to a crushing 60 to 6 victory over Alden.

The season's largest crowd—an estimated 1,000—watched Smith and his machinelike teammates grind out the lopsided victory without too much effort.

Operating with all the precision of a well oiled machine, the MSD gridders left no doubt as to their supremacy. They charged and tackled with a pent up fury, and in this writer's opinion they are one of the finest high school teams to dig a cleat in the good earth of southern Minnesota this year.

In Smith, who, incidentally, is considered quite a boy in other athletics, the MSD presented a youth who is as speedy as the swiftest of his ancestors.

Last night the flashy Indian was superb. He had no equal on the field. The fireball type of athlete who mixes good, hard playing with clean sportsmanship tactics, Smith will be a serious contender when All-State honors are dished out. Last night he did everything that is required of backs worthy of that honor.

1950 Interschool for Deaf Football Results

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EAST

Fanwood 41, New Jersey 0 (Fanwood, 4-3-0)
 West Virginia 33, Virginia 6 (West Virginia, 6-4-0)
 Virginia 19, New Jersey 18 (Virginia, 3-1-1)
 New Jersey 13, American 12 (American 4-3-1)
 Mt. Airy 35, New Jersey 6 (Mt. Airy, 13-5-2)
 West Virginia 51, New Jersey (West Virginia, 2-1-0)
 Fanwood 48, American 19 (American, 6-4-1)
 Mt. Airy 22, Fanwood 7 (Tie, 3-3-1)
 Mt. Airy 19, West Virginia 6 (Mt. Airy, 5-0-0)

CENTRAL

Ohio 33, Kentucky 6 (Ohio, 7-0-0)
 Illinois 33, Indiana 0 (Illinois, 5-1-0)
 Michigan 18, Wisconsin 0 (Michigan, 4-1-3)
 Ohio 24, Michigan 0 (Michigan 6-3-1)

MIDWEST

Missouri 44, Kansas 6 (Kansas, 12-4-2)

SOUTHEAST

Tennessee 7, Alabama 7 (Tennessee, 1-0-1)
 Florida 30, Georgia 0 (Florida, 4-1-0)
 Alabama 38, Florida 7 (Alabama 3-2-0)
 North Carolina 13, South Carolina 12 (North Carolina, 4-1-0)

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 13, Mississippi 0 (Tie, 2-2-0)
 Mississippi 47, Louisiana 0 (Louisiana, 4-2-0)

INTERSECTIONAL

Illinois 34, Missouri 7 (Illinois, 7-2-1)
 South Carolina 21, Virginia 0 (Tie, 1-1-0)
 North Carolina 12, Virginia 7 (Tie, 3-3-1)
 Minnesota 33, Wisconsin 0 (Tie, 7-7-0)
 Minnesota 18, Illinois 6 (Illinois, 4-1-0)
 Tennessee 19, Kentucky 0 (Tennessee, 5-3-1)

Smith scored five of his team's nine touchdowns and passed for another. He got off the season's longest run when he returned an Alden pass 101 yards to score in the second period of play.

Step up to the rostrum, Myron George Smith, and get your highly deserved award!

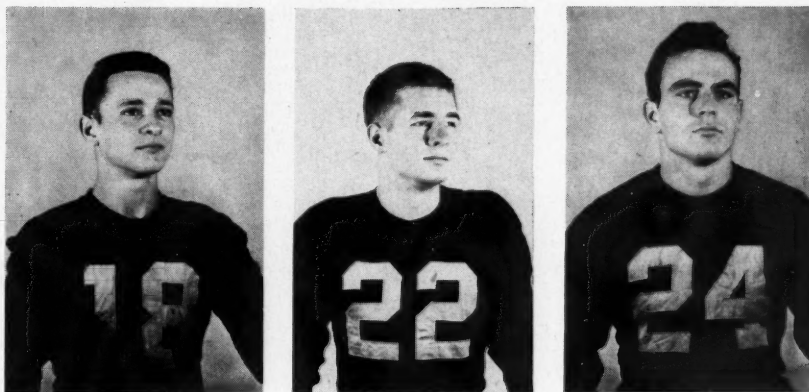
You, "Deaf Jim Thorpe," are awarded THE SILENT WORKER trophy, emblematic of the School for the Deaf Football Player of the Year, 1950.

You have well earned it, too, against some mighty tough competition.

"Little Indian" has been the Minnesota Hilltoppers' sparkplug throughout the season. Functioning as the T. quarterback, he has been an offensive giant time and again. He had a hand in 19 touchdowns and 6 extra points for a total of 120 points. He does the team's passing for the main part, but he excels in running, especially end runs. Smith squirms jumps, twists, turns, dodges, cuts—anything to give would-be tacklers fits. Opponents have him squarely in their grasp but they can't bring him down—he's that elusive. The Indian jet is also blessed with excellent speed in the open field.

For week-in-and-week-out performing, hand the palm to "little Indian. He's our boy for 1950."

Besides Smith, Minnesota had two other outstanding players in End Gerald Pelarski and Fullback Norman Larsen. Pelarski carried several long passes from Smith to touchdowns and he had the uncanny knack of catching passes as if he were a professional player. He has one more year to play. He is Co-Captain along with Smith. Larsen is a sophomore sensational, who is only 15 years old, stand 5 feet 11 inches in height, and tips the beam at 175. It takes the whole opposing team to stop his running with the ball. He has been acclaimed as Mr. Blanchard



Mightiest of Mt. Airy's Mighty Mites—Adriano Maniery (18), left guard; James Bumbulsky (22), right tackle; and Edward "Choo Choo" Arrivello (24), captain and fullback.

of MSD, with Myron Smith being the Mr. Davis.

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It was on Armistice Day, Saturday afternoon, November 11th, when Pennsylvania School for the Deaf's cinderella team from Mt. Airy traveled to White Plains, N. Y., to take the field against mighty New York School for the Deaf eleven.

The Fanwood boys were unbeaten and untied in six straight games and averaged forty points or better in each contest, one of the ranking school for the deaf teams in the nation.

This was no ordinary Mt. Airy team which made the trip to White Plains; this was the little team skeptics thought was going to have a dismal season.

Fanwood boasted the two highest scorers of Westchester County in the persons of Terry Halpine, 200-lb. fullback, and Edward Matthews, negro left halfback. The Mighty Mites from Mt. Airy were two-touchdown underdogs in this important game.

Almost unbelievably, Mt. Airy won, 22-7. This shocker was, far and away,

the outstanding school for the deaf football upset of 1950, in our eyes. The Mighty Mites led by Edward Arrivello, left no doubt in any one's mind which was the better team.

It was said that in previous games Mt. Airy's attack was confined strictly to the ground, but in the New York contest when running attack bogged down Jerry Heidler went to the air and completed 8 passes in 9 attempts.

The following account from the White Plain's *Reporter Dispatch* tells the story:

Technically perfect football by a lightweight but lightning fast Mt. Airy School for the Deaf eleven shattered the undefeated season hopes of the New York School for the Deaf as the locals went down to a 22-7 loss in the campaign finale.

Outweighing the visitors by almost 20 pounds to the man in the forward wall and boasting a crushing offense that had averaged over 40 points per game in six previous contests, the home eleven was caught looking the wrong way.

The hard-charging Philadelphians built up a 9-0 first quarter edge, kept the locals off balance during the middle periods, and added two more touchdowns in the final canto before permitting the erstwhile Fanwood Phenoms a tally.

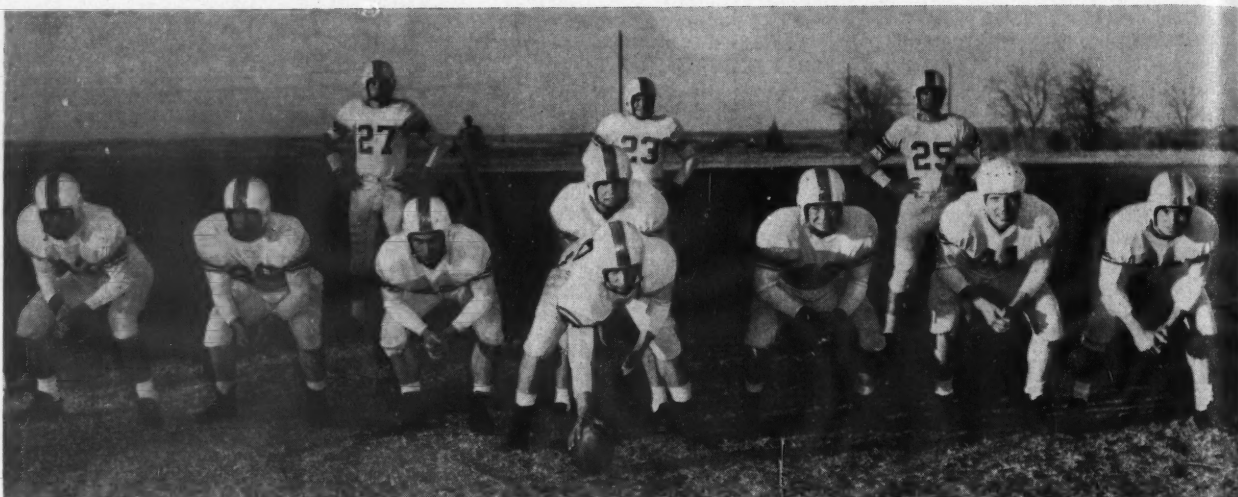
Although Coach Paul Kennedy's team held the visitors scoreless during the second and third periods, the Pennsylvanians showed to better advantage, maintaining an aggressive attack featured by brilliant line play.

Arrivello dittoed the first period score in the final quarter when he scampered 14 yards to cap a Mt. Airy drive of 58 yards.

NYSD failed to be aroused from its grid torpor and moments later gave away a touchdown as they watched Mt. Airy's Parish pick up a loose-lying lateral and jaywalk for the final six points.

George Hanson, coach of National Champion Minnesota School for the Deaf eleven, offers a word of wisdom to four of his outstanding players of the 1950 campaign—Norman Larson (44), Myron Smith (37), Gerald Pelarski (50), and Burrell Rasmussen (47)—as Hilltoppers prepare for important tussle with Illinois School Tigers. Minnesota won 18 to 6. This was Minnesota's sweetest victory, for it had been unable to penetrate Illinois goal line in four previous years.—Photo by Ed Johnson, Asst. coach of Minn. eleven.





1950 Surprise Team of the Year—the Oklahoma School for the Deaf Indians. They played only five games in 1949 in their first season of football and some of them had never seen a football game before. This year saw the Indians down ten opponents to move into the final round of Class C state playoffs. Starting line-up in line above is, l. to r.: D. Millwee, E. Irvin, J. Allen, K. Coleman, D. Diedrich, G. Bock, B. Chapman, Back-field: L. Hull, R. Southwell, B. Bryor, C. Clark.—Photo courtesy The Daily Ardmoreite.

With time rapidly running out in the game, NYSD finally broke the scoring ice as Jimmy Lee tossed to Hugo Guidi for a touchdown play that carried 72 yards. Terry Halpine plunged for the extra point. The NYSD passing attempt clicked in the next succession of downs, too, as Lee passed to Matthews for a touchdown which was nullified by a penalty.

NYSD blocking, which had been devastating all season, reached a low ebb against Mt. Airy. Despite the defeat, however, the home team completed the campaign with the most successful record since 1940 when they won four and tied two.

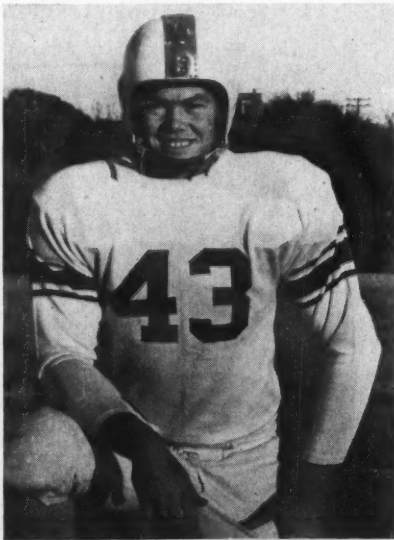
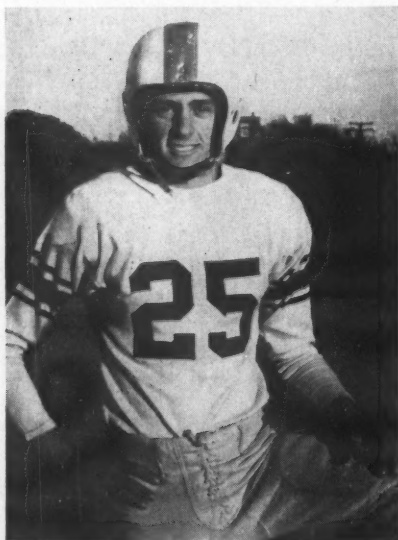
"In my two years of coaching at PSD this was the finest game ever played by our boys," comments Tom Kennedy, former John Carroll University half-back star. Curiously enough, the Fanwood coach is also named Kennedy, Paul being his first name.

In their last game of the season, Coach Tom Kennedy's Mighty Mites won the Mason-Dixon school for the deaf trophy by defeating rugged West Virginia School for the Deaf eleven.

Mt. Airy lacking the brilliance which characterized their New York victory still had enough speed and finesse to turn back their more rugged opponents from Romney, W. Va. The Mighty Mites were hit harder in this game than in any previous encounter, but they showed their mettle and played like the real champions they are.

By defeating two powerful teams in Fanwood and West Virginia, and by finishing with a brilliant 6-1 season record, Mt. Airy was listed as No. 2 in the national school for the deaf ratings.

Below, the outstanding Oklahoma grid stalwarts, Clyde Clark (25) and Doyle Diedrich (43)



Clark's Scoring One of Best in 50 Years

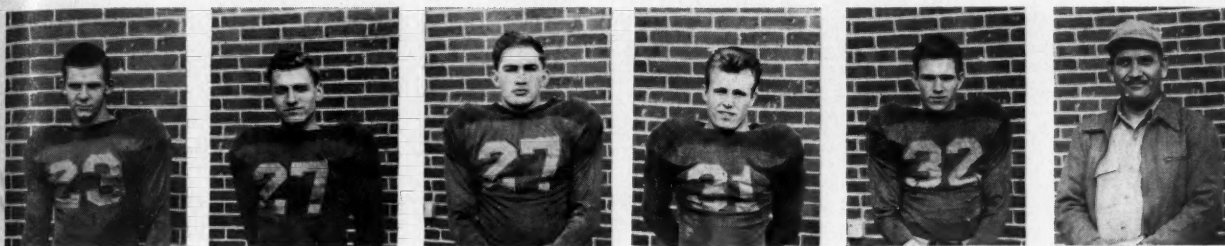
Clyde Clark, Oklahoma's 18-year-old speedy halfback, rattled the scoreboard for 134 points to lead the nation's school for the deaf football players in scoring this 1950 season—and also one of five players known by us in the past fifty years to have scored at least 100 points in one season.

When the adding machines stopped whirring, Clark had 22 touchdowns and two extra points.

The only other players in gridiron history to have scored at least 100 points were Joseph Balasa of Mt. Airy in 1921 with 124 points, Frank Kaiser of Indiana with 107 points in 1945 and 134 points in 1946, Jerome Moers in 1949 with 102 points, and Lee Montez of Texas with 239 in 1947, an all-time record.

The top 20 scorers of the 1950 season:

	TD	PAT	TP
C. Clark, hb, Okla.	22	2	134
E. Arrivello, fb, Pa.	15	5	95
M. Smith, qb, Minn.	15	1	91
R. Quillen, hb, Va.	11	3	69
J. Walker, hb, Colo.	10	4	64
R. Hampton, fb, Mo.	10	2	62
C. Tackett, fb, W. Va.	7	16	58
H. Boyd, qb, W. Va.	9	3	57
C. Williams, hb, Ohio	9	2	56
T. Hames, e, N.C.	9	1	55
F. Chism, qb, Ark.	9	1	55
J. Villani, e, Ill.	9	0	54
C. Briggs, fb, Ill.	8	2	50
R. Gentry, hb, Ga.	8	0	48
J. Riggelman, hb, W. Va.	7	3	45
D. Diedrich, g, Okla.	2	30	42
B. Pryor, fb, Okla.	7	0	42
L. Hull, hb, Okla.	7	0	42
C. Williams, hb, W. Va.	7	0	42
F. Chapman, hb, Va.	6	4	40



These are the pillars of the rugged West Virginia School for the Deaf Lions, coached by Glenn R. Hawkins. Opposing teams said WVSD was composed of the toughest boys they had the pleasure of meeting all season. Players pictured are Charles Tackett (23), capt. and fb.; Roy Pyles (27), lt.; Sam Brown (27), lb.; Cledith Williams (31), rlb.; and Jack Riggelman (32), lhb. All except Williams are 17 years old. Coach Hawkins, a product of the Nebraska School for the Deaf, is a firm believer in fundamentals and physical fitness. Before coming to West Virginia, he coached at Nebraska and North Carolina schools. Hawkins is in the last picture at the right.

Mt. Airy's 1950 record:

PSD	OPP.
0—Conshohocken High School.....	26
12—St. John's Catholic High School.....	7
32—Bensalem High School.....	13
32—St. Patrick's High School.....	12
35—New Jersey School for the Deaf.....	6
22—New York School for the Deaf.....	7
19—West Virginia School for the Deaf	6

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Our ends, George Zushin and Don Johnston, although never spectacular, played their position to the hilt and were important cogs in this great PSD line.

A volume could be written on the rugged line play of James Bumbulsky who was in on every tackle if not making it. Here is a boy who was greatly responsible for our fine line.

1950 Sectional Ratings

East					
	W	L	T	Pts.	Opp.
Mt. Airy (Pa.)	6	1	0	152	77
Fanwood (N.Y.)	6	1	0	268	80
West Virginia	6	3	0	233	79
Virginia	4	5	0	168	144
New Jersey	1	4	1	44	165
American (Conn.)	1	4	0	57	105
Central					
Illinois	5	2	1	218	134
Ohio	5	3	0	167	81
Indiana	1	6	1	106	162
Michigan	1	7	0	81	158
Kentucky	1	4	0	38	90
Wisconsin	0	5	1	12	141
Midwest					
Minnesota	5	1	0	193	25
Iowa	3	4	0	82	120
Missouri	2	5	0	143	178
Kansas	1	6	0	57	238
Farwest					
California	2	4	0	50	114
Washington	2	7	0	96	218
Colorado	4	1	0	130	53
Southeast					
Alabama	3	3	1	117	74
Tennessee	1	6	1	52	184
North Carolina	4	5	0	103	170
South Carolina	3	3	0	127	46
Florida	2	5	1	69	172
Georgia	3	6	0	82	152
Southwest					
Oklahoma	10	3	0	352	163
Arkansas	5	3	0	155	84
Mississippi	4	5	1	95	135
Texas	0	9	0	33	248
Louisiana	0	7	0	---	---

To co-captain Billy Ortega goes the distinction of being the most improved ball-player on the team. A weak link on our line at left tackle, Billy took over the job and gave us the needed strength.

The little fellow who played right guard would go unnoticed to most fans, unless you kept your eyes on the opponents' backfield. Harry Miller was the boy who was always slicing through the defense to scramble the enemy's strategy.

Adriano Manieri is to a coach what Boswell was to Johnson. When I changed Manieri from his center post to guard in order to strengthen the team, Adriano never uttered a dissenting word. Manieri is 135 pounds of the best competitor I have had the pleasure to watch.

Don Noy always steady and never once a bad pass from his center post—a hawk on pass defense.

Jerry Heidler directed the team from his quarterback slot like a seasoned pro, never giving the opposition a chance to recover once he got his attack moving.

Lou Parrish (give me the ball and let me run, Lou) was a constant ground gainer all year and was at his best when the opposition was the toughest.

Jimmy Henson, once this yearling got his opportunity at a varsity berth, no one moved him from the starting line-up.

What is there to write about Edward "Choo-Choo" Arrivello that has not already been printed? The boy may explode for a touchdown any time, anywhere on a football field. There are very few boys in the Philadelphia area who can run a football like Choo Choo.

These are the Mighty Mites as Coach Tom Kennedy described them, and we take off our hat for the splendid spirit and hustle they showed all season. Choo Choo Arrivello, by the way, was not only the top touchdown producer in the Philadelphia area, but he was also the captain and a fine leader for the rest of the boys. He has 15 t.d.s and 5 points after touchdown to his credit, equivalent to 95 points.

Only a 5-foot-4 inch 153-pounder, Arrivello got his nickname "Choo Choo"

John T. Jacobs, outstanding line backer, quarterback, and captain of the Texas School for the Deaf Silents. He's a "Jack of All Trades," playing in different positions as the occasion demanded in this lean year for the Silents. Here he is shown holding the All-around athletic trophy donated by the Houston Division No. 81, NFSD. The trophy is given yearly by the Houston Division and is highly coveted by every member of the TSD teams.

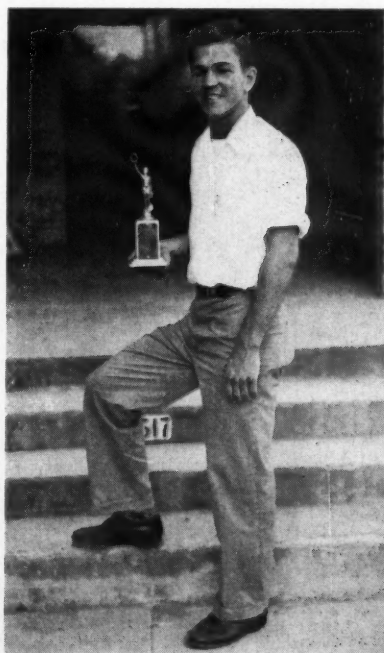
from sports writers because of the burst of speed he generated when driving through a hole. Incidentally, Arrivello is Mt. Airy's No. 1 dashman, and runs the 100 in 10 seconds flat.

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Coach Choctaw Smith's Oklahoma School for the Deaf Indians playing their first full season of football since the sport was reactivated a year ago, were the sport's major surprise of the 1950 campaign when they powered their way to the finals of the state Class C high school championship race.

The OSD team, after having encountered hard competition in its own district 2C against Davis, Maysville and Blanchard, had found the play-off games much to its liking. Its first victim in the regional competition was Tipton, and the following week the Indians ran rampant over Dewar, which had previously gone undefeated in 11 games.

The championship tussle on Friday afternoon, December 8th, brought





Above is the 1950 Football Coach of the Year, J. W. "Choctaw" Smith, of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. He is shown in the center, flanked by two of his grid stalwarts, Don Milwee, left, and Robert Southwell.—Photo courtesy The Daily Ardmoreite.

Coach Smith's team face to face with a worthy opponent. Thomas High School had hurdled all opposition in western and northwestern Oklahoma while the OSD team had turned back all opposition in its half of the state. Thomas edged defending champion Medford, 12-7, to gain a finals berth with OSD.

The Indians lost by only one touchdown, 14 to 21, thereby becoming runner-up of the Class C state. However, they were not out-classed in this final game. It was a hard-fought contest. The lead changed hands three times before the game was over.

It is the first time in the history of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf that a team has ever won a trophy in football. The Indian gridders certainly have put OSD on the map so far as Oklahoma is concerned. The OSD

eleven no doubt deserved to be ranked along with any of the best school for the deaf teams in the country, and according to our national ratings, Oklahoma is listed as No. 3.

Take a peek at the 1950 record of the Oklahoma Indians in 13 games:

OSD	OPP.
40—Graham High School	14
44—Fort Sill Indians	0
0—St. Gregory's High School	19
34—Tishomingo High School	20
53—Ryan High School	6
25—Marietta High School	0
7—Purcell High School	40
13—Davis High School	12
20—Maysville High School	12
14—Blanchard High School	6
37—Tipton High School	13
51—Dewar High School	0
14—Thomas High School	21

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(The last four games were playoff games for the state Class C championship.)

Credit for producing a championship club in two short seasons at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf goes to Coach Choctaw Smith, and for this reason he was named 1950 school for the deaf Coach of the Year. Take a bow, Choctaw—you certainly merit the badge.

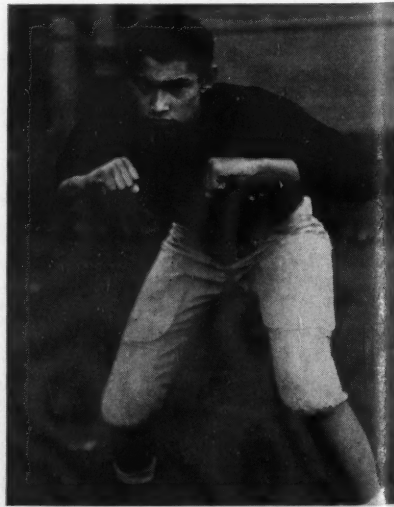
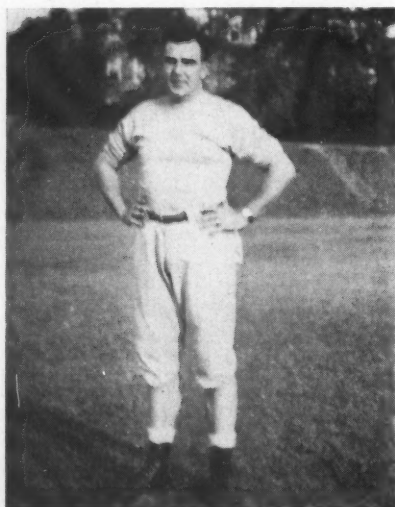
Mr. Smith is a graduate of Oklahoma City University. He has coached for

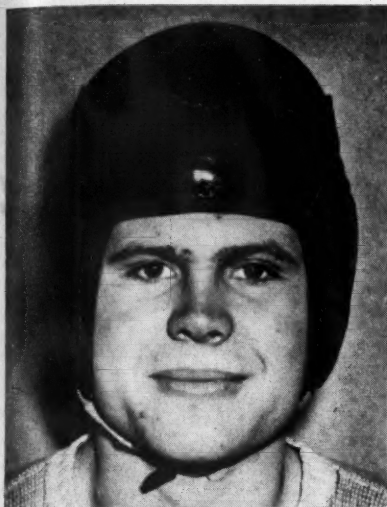
Left, Paul Kennedy, Fanwood Coach. A graduate of East Stroudsburg Teachers College and Columbia University (M.A.), he started at NYSD in 1941 as a teacher in the academic department. Since 1945 has been dean of boys and director of athletics, coaching football and basketball. His Fanwood football teams have won 23, lost 12, and tied 2, while his basketball productions have won 93 and lost 39 games. At right, Epifanio Arce, of the California School, picked as captain of the All-America defensive team. Arce was practically the whole California line on defensive plays.

eight years, and spent almost three years in the Navy. Choctaw came to Oklahoma School for the Deaf as Athletic Director in the fall of 1948. This is his third year there and in the last five years that he has coached he has won three conference championships. The 1950 OSD eleven is the second team Choctaw has had in the State Championship playoffs. Of his coaching feat at OSD Smith says: "This is the toughest job I ever tackled in my life." He enjoys working with the team, that has more enthusiasm than any team he has ever worked with. In the middle of the 1949 season Choctaw decided to start football again at OSD and his boys played only a short six-game schedule, winning five and losing one. When he called the boys to football practice during the 1950 season he had lost ten players by graduation last spring and used a lot of boys that were playing football for the first time in their lives. Smith said he will lose only two boys by graduation this spring and expects to have another great year when the 1951 season rolls around.

One important key to the success of the OSD crew were the speedy runs of Clyde Clark, 155-pound left halfback. In the playoff games, Clark used his speed to great advantage for the Indians. He scored 134 points and led the team in piling up yardage. Several college coaches who saw him play commented on his running and also his blocking and tackling. In the semi-final play-off game against Dewar, Clyde scored four times, going 40, 42, 81 and 2 yards for the touchdowns, and in the championship game he led the offensive players with a total of 100 yards in 13 rushing plays. He was named on the All-State team.

Outstanding in the OSD forward wall was Doyle Diedrich, 205-pound guard who made the second team on





Don LaValle, quarterback on the young Indiana School team, who rates honorable mention.

All-State selections. Doyle would make any high school team in the state a good man if he could hear. He did the kicking off, punting, and kicking for conversion. Big D was a full 60-minute man. He played both on the offense and the defense and was always an outstanding player. He scored 42 points, and had two touchdowns made on guard-around plays. The rest were conversions.

Doyle made quite a reputation for himself in Southern Oklahoma with his high booming kicks. Officials who saw him, said that he was one of the best in the state of Oklahoma. Just to give you some idea as to his kicking feat, the following was clipped from *The Oklahoman*:

The other night at Maysville, Doyle Diedrich had just kicked off. The ball had gone a mile high and across the goal line. A Maysville gentleman sitting near me (Coach Smith) said, "That boy kicks that ball so hard it's a wonder he don't bust it." In the next few minutes OSD scored and Big D kicked the extra point a little too hard. The ball landed in a man's back yard a half block away. The referee was seen running to the Maysville bench yelling, "Coach, get me another ball, that big boy busted it."

Coach Smith, however, gave plenty of credit to Robert Southwell who he said, "Called the signals, scored plenty, kicked extra points, did the passing and

held the team together." Without the 170-pound quarterback in the lineup, Smith said the team would almost fold up. Southwell missed two games during the 1950 season that OSD lost against Purcell and St. Gregory, two strong Class B teams.

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High-scoring Illinois School for the Deaf Tigers ranked fourth in the national rankings on the strength of 5 victories, 2 defeats and a tie. One of the losses was an 18-6 setback at the hands of Minnesota, the country's No. 1 ranking team. The other loss was in its opening to Roxanna High School, 21-38. In its last game of the season, Illinois tied Nokomis High School, co-champion of a strong conference, 32-all.

Illinois had two outstanding players in End James Villani and Halfback William Van Spankeren. Take our word, watch Van Spankeren, for he is a coming All-America player. This 17-year-old, 6-foot, 165-pound sophomore sensation was a very good offensive back. He was also a very good passer, in fact, a good enough passer to have End Villani as the leading scorer of the Illinois team, which shows that this boy had the accuracy. Villani, by the way was an outstanding end all season both offensively and defensively.

Ray Abell, who graduated from Drake University in Iowa last year, is the new coach of the Illinois eleven, replacing Arthur Yates, who is enrolled in the Gallaudet College Normal Department.

Two other high-scoring aggregations, New York School for the Deaf Golden Tornadoes and West Virginia School for the Deaf Lions, were tied for No. 5 honors.

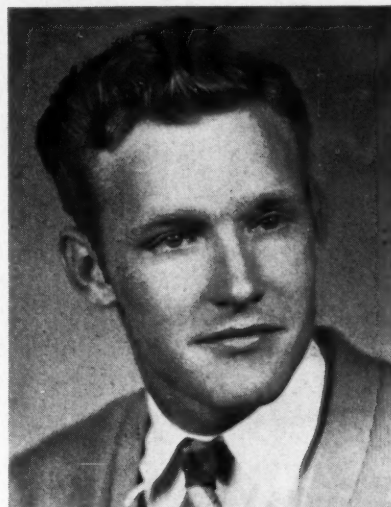
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It was good to note that the Arkansas School for the Deaf Leopards are back in the gridiron wars after a year's lay-off due to lack of player material. They were winning their share of games, too, as usual.

Perl Dunn has assumed the duties of Athletic Director and Coach of the Arkansas School, replacing the fabulous Edward S. Foltz, who is now coaching at the Louisiana school. Dunn has uncovered three outstanding players in Franklin Chism, quarterback; Edward Ketchum, end; and Buel Glover, tackle.

Chism led the Arkansas team to a co-championship of a conference as it returned to football competition. Franklin is five-foot-eleven and weighs 167 pounds. He was a leader in the confer-

More SW All-American selections. At left, l. to r., James Villani, e., Illinois; and James Beeler, fb., Tennessee. Right: Tain Griffin, g., Georgia, and Edward Ketchum, e., Arkansas.



Tupper Inabinett, end, of the South Carolina School, completes the All-America line-up.

ence, scoring 55 points and passing for another 52. He did some of the team's punting and all of its place-kicking. As the team ran from the split T, Chism bore the chief assignments. He has red hair and last year won a state AAU wrestling championship.

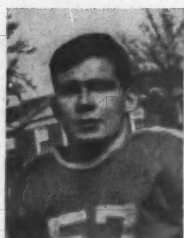
Ketchum was called the best High School end in Arkansas by several coaches. He was a power on defense and shifted to fullback on offense. He was removed from the lineup at half against two teams in the conference as a courtesy to the other team, as he is a lot of boy.

Glover, the 226 pound tackle, outclassed all the Leopard linemen, and in games the backs ran only when he was in the game.

The 1950 season saw such former powers as Tennessee, Indiana and Texas repeatedly feeling the ax. But there is a lesson in this. All deaf football empires are fated to totter and crumble. Minnesota, Mt. Airy and Oklahoma all will know their crushing hour. Theodore Tilton summed it up in *The King's Ring*:

"Once in Persia reigned a king,
Who, upon his signet ring,
Graved a maxim true and wise,
Which, if held before the eyes,
Gave him counsel at a glance,
Fit for every change and chance;
Solemn words, and these are they:
'Even this shall pass away.'"





All-Americans—Left to right: Charles Balanis, c., Fanwood; Leander Carroll, t., North Carolina; Edward Matthews, hb., Fanwood; Robert Dunnington, fb., Iowa; Rodney Quillen, hb., Virginia; Edward Montgomery, qb., South Carolina.

Indiana was down because it missed several standout players, especially Jerome Moers, 1949 Player of the Year, who enrolled at Gallaudet College and easily made the football team there. However, it should be back up next year with an undefeated Freshman team. Tennessee lost ten regulars and four substitutes, but, take our word, watch it in a year or two.

1950 is the first year that Texas had the 18-year-old age limit and the cycle hit bottom. The school is bidding for a spot in the Texas Interscholastic League. And to show it rates a berth, it's abiding by TIL rules—namely an 18-year-old limit. Naturally, the Texas Silents were outclassed by their opponents. That is, they were too little, too few, and too experienced. Their

squad numbered 17 for their last game and was never over 22. Many of the boys were around 100 pounds with no experience. From this the School will lose only one boy for next year, from graduation, not age. Its junior football team got off well during the 1950 season and will expect some help from that source. We think it should reach the peak in three years.

KRUGER'S 15th SCHOOL FOR DEAF ALL-AMERICANS

In keeping with the custom of present day football, defensive and offensive schools for the deaf All-America teams are selected.

Here they are! . . . The All-America go-getters of 1950 . . . the boys who made adversaries dizzy with their dazzling performances while their squads were geared forward, under full steam.

We have handed these stalwarts honor assignments on our "Offensive Team" All-America.

Leading the pack, of course, is Minnesota Myron Smith, who has been crowned School for the Deaf Football Player of the Year for the 1950 campaign.

Swiftness afoot also characterizes the backfield, where T-man Smith has a nifty duo of ball carriers in Edward Arrivello of Mt. Airy and Clyde Clark of Oklahoma.

Fanwood's battering-ram, Jerry Halpine, gained a fullback post, and that shouldn't bring a dissenting vote. He was really the key to Fanwood success. Unfortunately Jerry had a bad knee in the Mt. Airy game.

The All-America "Offensive" forward wall boasts a collection of fast-express-type operators who cut yard-wide paths in opposing front lines, throughout the season, and continually kept their foes runnin' for cover—like Gerald Pelarski, James Villani, Buel Glover, Roy Pyles, Adriano Manieri, Doyle Diedrich and Charles Balanis.

The lineup, in all its glory, appears at the left.

"Thou shalt not pass" . . . was the motto of the eleven flesh-stoppers, the best in the business, whom we have singled out as the top defensive campaigners of the 1950 grid season.

It would be a difficult task to put a finger on one of the defensive-team sturdies who might have stood out above the others. This, of course, comes as a compliment to all who have been named for laurels, so sparkling has been the work of the eleven who have been honored.

However, none can deny that California's Epifanio Arce was a tower of strength on defense for his squad. Epifanio did a terrific job as defensive tackle for the California team, and is rewarded with the captaincy of the defensive aggregation.

Likewise, a bouquet of posies might be handed to Mt. Airy's James Bumbulsky, tackle superb, for his brilliant play throughout the season; and, also, to Leander Carroll, the North Carolina Bears' rip-snortin' guard, who just about broke his across-line rivals into pieces. Leander, by the way, is the heaviest school for the deaf player.

A vote of special attention might also be cast for West Virginia's Cledith Williams, who proved to be a "man" among men.

A look to the right will find our "Defensive Team" lineup all wrapped up for posterity.

OFFENSIVE LINEUP

Name and School	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.
Gerald Pelarski, Minnesota	18	6'0"	150	E
James Villani, Illinois	19	6'0"	155	E
Buel Glover, Arkansas	18	5'10"	226	T
Roy Pyles, West Virginia	19	6'0"	158	T
Adriano Manieri, Mt. Airy	17	5'8"	143	G
Doyle Diedrich, Oklahoma	19	6'0"	205	G
Charles Balanis, Fanwood	19	5'10"	185	C
Myron Smith, Minnesota	19	5'9"	145	B
Clyde Clark, Oklahoma	18	5'10"	155	B
Edward Arrivello, Mt. Airy	17	5'4"	153	B
Terry Halpine, Fanwood	19	5'8"	205	B

DEFENSIVE LINEUP

Name and School	Age	Ht.	Wt.
Warren Burford, Ohio	19	5'9"	151
Edward Ketchum, Arkansas	17	6'3"	188
James Bumbulsky, Mt. Airy	18	5'8"	163
Epifanio Arce, California	18	5'10"	170
Leander Carroll, North Carolina	19	5'10"	240
Billy Weddington, Virginia	19	5'11"	175
John T. Jacobs, Texas	17	5'9"	152
Edward Matthews, Fanwood	18	5'8"	145
Cledith Williams, West Virginia	19	5'8"	148
Charles Williams, Ohio	19	5'7"	151
Robert Dunnington, Iowa	19	6'1"	195

HONORABLE MENTION

LINEMEN: Ted Hames (N.C.), Tupper Inabinett (S.C.), Bill Chapman (Okla.), Kenneth Whitney (Wash.), Paul Enfinger (Fla.), James Harris (Ky.), LeRoy Fitts (Am.), Bobby Varner (Miss.), Jerry Tuchman (Ill.), Robert Liedberg (Ill.), Richard Stifter (Minn.), Alex Taccogna (Fanwood), Francis Hurd (Ohio), Mylo Huffman (Iowa), Don Millwee (Okla.), and Tain Griffin (Ga.).

BACKS: Edward Montgomery (S.C.), John Wilson (N.J.), Franklin Chism (Ark.), James Beeler (Tenn.), Raymond Hampton (Mo.), William Van Spankeren (Ill.), Norman Larson (Minn.), Charles Tackett (W. Va.), Jack Riggleman (W. Va.), Robert Southwell (Okla.), Rodney Quillen (Va.), Filmore Glass (Va.), Donald LaValle (Ind.), Billy Scott (Ala.), John Verwiebe (Wash.).

The LONG View

By ELMER LONG

The Need for Leadership

The one thing above all else that forces the deaf into the status of a voiceless minority is the lack of adequate leadership. I do not mean by this that we have no great leaders. Indeed, many of those conducting the public life of the



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is at present available.

An unshaded electric lamp sheds but a little light over a room, but several lamps, properly shaded so that the rays of light are focused upon a small area, give the same amount of illumination to the room as a whole, while an intense light is provided at the several points in the room where it is required. So it is with our leadership. When one man, with a great capacity for hard work, is forced to accept the direction of several organizations, no one of the groups can benefit from the full force of his attention. When we realize that he also has to earn a living for his family, and perform the functions of a husband and father, it is surprising that he turns out as good a job as he usually does.

It is not as though the ranks of the deaf are low on men of ability. The qualities of leadership lie dormant in hundreds. They simply do not choose to go in for public life. And for every argument as to why they should use their talents for the deaf, they can advance two as to why they should not.

When a man is first asked to run for office in a deaf club, he usually ponders the question "What do I get out of it?" Sad to relate, the answer is almost invariably the same—"Nothing!"

"Oh," you say. "What about the personal satisfaction you get from working for others? You meet all the deaf in town; you broaden your acquaintance and enhance your social position. And don't you have a duty to your own kind? You have the ability many of us lack, and should you not use it for the betterment of the deaf?"

And our prospective leader is all too apt to counter with, "But my first duty

is to my family. To do the job you ask I will have to absent myself from home several evenings a month, perhaps several evenings a week. Not only that, but my activities will actually take money out of my own pocket which I can ill afford. Holding office in this club does not exempt me from paying the regular dues. I will be expected to bring my wife to the social functions, and, with small children, this means hiring a baby sitter."

It does no good to argue that he would be paying dues, admission to parties and baby sitters whether he held office or not. For when one has no obligations, one can go out or stay at home as he pleases, depending upon the condition of the budget. Especially is this true of our younger men, just getting a start in the world. Often they have not yet reached the peak of their employment, and the cost of buying a home and establishing the family on a firm financial basis cuts deeply into the social budget.

Another great deterrent is the fear of making enemies. Most of us, naturally, want to be liked by all, and do not willingly let ourselves in for criticism or abuse. But a leader who rises above the mass in public life is a natural target for busybodies, hecklers and those who envy his position, much as a tall tree or building is the target for lightning bolts during an electrical storm. It takes a strong tree to withstand the wrath of the elements, and it takes a strong personality to withstand the rigors of public life.

Without a strong incentive, our most capable men are likely to figure that the game is not worth the meager profits they might gain in the form of self-satisfaction or public esteem. They remain content to sit on the sidelines and enjoy the efforts of other, less capable men.

Many a potential leader, filled with the desire to help his fellow deaf, is discouraged by the rebuffs he receives, the lack of cooperation, and the political bickerings of envious opponents. He retires from public life after a few years, and crawls back into his shell, sheltered and safe in the crowd.

The hardy leaders who refuse to quit for any reason, are thus vastly overburdened, carrying a load of work that should be divided among twice as many. Their great energies are diffused into too many spheres of activity. By the time

their efforts have been parcelled out among the million and one duties that demand attention, they have lost much of their original driving force. We observe the results in the lowered efficiency of all deaf organizations. Our social machine moves at a snail's pace, on a low level, when it should be driving full speed ahead, on a much higher plane.

We need more leaders in every field of deaf society. Young men with progressive ideas; strong men who are not afraid to voice their opinions; energetic men who are willing to back up their ideas, lending their great experience and sounder judgment to new and daring innovations. And we deaf as a whole must be more tolerant and more encouraging to the men and women who devote so much time and effort. Progress means change. What has been best for us in years past is not necessarily the best for us today and tomorrow.

There are two main mediums of payment for the services of those who work for the welfare of others. One is the esteem and adulation of the public (fame and glory) and the other is good hard coin of the realm. Pure altruism or giving for the sake of giving, is highly idealistic, but practically unknown. The deaf have, for years, paid their leaders with words of praise, or a knife in the back as the case might be. The years have proven it an inefficient method.

Why not try the alternative method of concrete payments in cash. It need not be a great deal. In smaller clubs it could mean only exempting the officers and their wives from paying dues and admission to parties. Fund-raising committees and entertainment committees could be given a good percentage of the "gate" or profit on social functions. Larger clubs, in addition, could make a nominal payment, a regular monthly salary, to all full-fledged officers, without greatly depleting the treasury. Indeed, some of our more progressive clubs do so already, and in almost every case, these organizations can boast of superior officers.

The "volunteer" is fast disappearing from the American scene. Only the tiniest of communities now have volunteer fire departments, police, etc. And it is time the deaf of America began to keep up with the times.

It is a rule in all departments of society that the more lucrative the position, the higher the calibre of the men who strive for that position. Only by some such method of payment can we attract the best men to lead our deaf society. Only thus can we be assured of a steady stream of new leadership. Only thus can we unite our voices and tell the world what stuff we're made of.

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